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Layoffs Loom In Japan, 40% of Firms Overstaffed

As Many as 1.7 Million 'In-House Unemployed' Weigh Down Profits

By Steven Brull

TOKYO - In a stark warning about the strains in the lifetime employment system, the Labor Ministry said Wednesday that 40 percent of Japanese companies were overstaffed and would be forced to lay off workers over the

With corporate profits hit by the collapse of the bubble economy, and now with the runup in the value of the yen, Japanese manufacturers are losing their ability to carry so-called "inhouse unemployed." Private-sector economists reckon that companies are keeping as many as: 1.7 million workers on the payrolls, employees who would have been cut in the West. "If the yen stays at today's high levels or goes

even higher, companies will no longer be able to maintain in-house unemployed," said Masaru Takagi, chief economist at the Fuji Research Institute. "There will be out-of-house layoffs." That could cause Japan's official unemploy-ment rate, now just 2.5 percent, to rise to 3 percent or more in the next year, a figure that could be doubled if all in-house workers were counted. "By Western standards, there's not such a big gap between the U.S. and Japan," Mr. Takagi added.

The threat of heightened unemployment is Ine threat of neightened unemployment is intensifying calls on the government to do more to create growth at home. On Wednesday, Takeshi Nagano, president of Nikkeiren, the Japan Federation of Employers' Associations, urged the Bank of Japan to cut its 2.5 percent official discount rate by I percentage point as soon as possible. Businesses are also pressuring the presentation of the country of the presentation. the government to cut income taxes by 5 trillion

yen (\$47.9 billion). But the risk of rising unemployment also limits the ability of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa to push his program to promote deregulation. In the long run, deregulation would spur economic growth by increasing competition, forcing companies to become more efficient. But greater efficiency would often mean climinating jobs, as has happened in Europe and the United States.

The Labor Ministry survey covered eight industries that are being hit hard by the surge of the yen, a rise that has made exporters less competitive and inefficient domestic companies more vulnerable to cheaper imports. Included were companies in construction, electronics, textiles, steel, automobiles, information

processing, machinery and retailing.

[Japanese companies listed on the stock exchange are expected to register a 14.1 percent pretax profit fall in the year ending next March, Yamaichi Research Institute Co. said Wednesday, Agence France-Presse reported.

In an earlier estimate released in June, the institute had said that the profit would fall only 5.4 percent from the preceding business year.

[The Yamaichi surveys covered 686 companies listed on the major first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Pretax profit of manufacturing companies was expected to plunge 17

The ministry said that about 60 percent of the companies it surveyed have already acted to trim their payrolls. Common tactics include transferring workers to less appealing jobs, of-

ten in hopes of pressuring them to quit, curbing recruitment, encouraging early retirement and reducing overtime and bonus payments. Employers are also beginning to consider asking workers to accept lower wages next year to prevent a surge in unemployment.

Car Attackers In Miami Kill 8th Foreigner

MIAMI — A German tourist driving away from Miami airport was killed Wednesday by a gunman firing from a van that had repeatedly bumped the victim's rental car from behind, the police said.

At the onset of the attack, shortly after midnight, the victim's wife was reading a safety pamphlet that car-rental agencies routinely began giving to tourists last spring. The pamphlet warns people not to stop driving if they are bumped from behind.

Seven other foreign visitors, three of them Germans, have been slain in robberies or robbery attempts in Florida since October. There have been repeated cases in Miami of robbers bumping a victim's car. The drivers are forced to stop and are then robbed at gunpoint.
The tourist killed Wednesday was Uwe-

Wilhelm Rakebrand, 33, of Adendorf, Germany, said a police spokesman. The name of Mr. Rakebrand's 27-year-old wife was not released, and the spokesman declined to comment on reports that she is four months pregnant.

The couple picked up their red Toyota
Corolla at Miami International Airport and were heading east on the Dolphin Expressway, en route to their hotel, when they were first bumped from behind by two men in a van, the wife said.

The police said the victim's car had no markings indicating that it was a rental car. Such cars bumped in past tourist slayings had been clearly marked as rent-

"The victim's wife, who was reading a safety-tip pamphlet provided by the rental car agency, told him not to stop," the police said.

The van bumped them again and again, See MIAMI, Page 2



An Israeli border policeman pursuing Palestinians in Jerusalem who threw stones Wednesday when officers arrived to break up a protest against the tentative Israeli-PLO accord.

Failed Soviet Utopia Breeds Generation of Cynics

By Michael Dobbs

Washington Past Service KOMSOMOLSK-ON-AMUR, Russia — The exploits of Ivan Sidorenko and his bride, Dusha, quickly became the stuff of Soviet legend. After a monthlong journey from European Russia, by the Trans-Siberian Railroad and then by boat, the two young idealists reached a desolate spot on the banks of the Amur River where, on May 10, 1932, they laid the foundation stone for a new socialist

The Communist utopia that Ivan and Dusha hoped to carve out of the virgin taiga of the Soviet Far East is now a sprawling, smog-filled industrial wasteland. Named in honor of the Communist Party youth movement, Komsomolsk-on-Amur has one of the highest crime rates in the former Soviet Union. Its factories, which include several huge military plants, are on the verge of bankruptcy. Its

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half-million inhabitants are, for the most part, disillusioned and bitter.

"My grandparents thought the were building communism. Of course this was all nonsense," said Olga Sidorenko, 18, who was born and raised in Komsomolsk. "To live here is like committing slow suicide. The only reason we don't move away is because there is

A student in computer studies at the Kom-

somolsk technical college, Olga says she respects her grandfather Ivan, who died a hero's death in 1942, defending Stalingrad from Nazi invaders. But she is barely on speaking terms with her grandmother, Dusha, 82, who was showered with honors as one of the "first builders" of Komsomolsk and lives a few blocks away. Their points of view are just too

Built at the height of the Stalinist terror, Komsomolsk was out of bounds to foreign visitors until the collapse of the Soviet Union in December 1991. Today, the city that was regarded by Soviet ideologists as a laboratory for the construction of a Communist society is trying to break out of six decades of en-forced isolation. It has been a frustrating,

jarring experience, tinged with a hope, particularly among younger people, that life will eventually improve. "You have to remember that there were

always two Iron Curtains," said Oleg Mospak, 38, a journalist who recently launched a newspaper, Komsomolsk Entrepreneur, that specializes in classified ads. "There was the fron Curtain around the Soviet bloc and then there was a second Iron Curtain around. places like Komsomolsk. We lived in a closed city within a closed country."

ironically, the type of person to emerge from this sociopolitical laboratory has turned out to be almost the precise opposite of the type the ideologists had in mind. The Com-See CYNICS, Page 6

Israeli Aide **Quits, Casting** A Shadow on PLO Deal

Orthodox Party Hints At Leaving Coalition **Over Corruption Charge**

By David Hoffman

Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ynzhak Rabin's ruling coalition, in the midst of delicate regotiations on an agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization, was shaken Wednes-day with the resignation of the dovish interior minister, who is being accused of corruption. Mr. Rabin expressed concern that the depar-ture of Interior Minister Arye Deri, head of the

the chance for peace."

[The prime minister also said that Israel would recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization on certain terms, Reuters reported ["Concerning our demands of the PLO and all that concerns recognizing it," he said, "I

rigorously Orthodox Shas party, "could harm

Arafat beads into a showdown with the PLO Executive Committee. Page 5.

hope it will be agreed on, but I don't want to commit. We are ready to recognize them under certain conditions."

[It was the first confirmation from Mr. Rabin that Israel was ready to recognize the PLO. Until he came to power, the PLO was banned as

a terrorist organization.]
Mr. Deri submitted his resignation after the
Israeli Supreme Court ordered Mr. Rabin to dismiss the interior minister and another Shas official, the deputy religious affairs minister. Rafael Pinhasi. The court order came after a good-government group filed a complaint against the two ministers remaining in their seats at a time when they are being charged with

The resignation is significant because Mr. Deri has consistently backed government peace overtures, even though his party membership is much more hawkish. The party is based among ultraorthodox Jews who immigrated from North Africa and the Arab states.

When the cabinet debated the new declara-tion of principles with the PLO last week, Mr. Deri delivered an impassioned appeal in favor of the document, but he abstained from voting, predicting that he would soon be leaving the government. His resignation is to be submitted to the cabinet Sunday and would become effec-

It is not yet clear whether the Shas party will remain in Mr. Rabin's coalition, Mr. Deri and others were consulting Wednesday with Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, spiritual leader of the party, who

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Kiosk



ARMED ALTRUISM - A Somali mother and a UN soldier from the United Arab. Emirates after she obtained corn Wednesday at a Mogadishu food distribution point.

U.S. and Russia **Set Army Hotline**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States and Russia tightened military ties on Wednesday, announcing plans for major joint military exercises and a new telephone "hotline" linking their defense departments.

The move, including a peacekeeping exercise involving an army division from each country, was part of a military cooperation agreement signed by Defense Minister Pavel S. Grachev of Russia and Defense Secretary Les Asoin.

The units are Russia's 27th Motorized Rifle Division and the 3d U.S. Infantry Division, based at Frankfurt

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Real Key to Peace May Be Billions in Aid

By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - However the Palestinians and Israelis solve their diplomatic differences, the success of any peace plan could depend in large measure on whether the Palesans get billions of dollars of aid from the United States, Europe, Japan and wealthy Arab

Worried that continued poverty could cause explosive political tensions even with a peace accord, the United States is leading an effort to round up pledges of large-scale assistance even before the Israelis and Palestinians complete a deal that would grant limited self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

Gaza Strip and West Bank.

The administration's efforts make it clear that help for the Palestinians could become the next major aid issue for the wealthy industrial economics professor at An Najah National

was the overriding international aid issue last

A World Bank report that will be made public later this month estimates that the occu-pied territories need \$3 billion over the next decade to meet basic needs like improving water and health care. But several Palestinian economists who have

seen the report assert that this amount is inade-

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quate. They argue that an additional \$6 billion is needed to build housing and develop Palestinian industry.

nations, just as massive assistance to Russia University in the West Bank and a Palestinian

representative in international talks on the region's economic development.

American officials said they planned to provide both immediate aid to help put the fledgling Palestinian government on its feet and longer-term aid to improve basic services for the 1.7 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. But these officials said Washington was too hamstrung by budget deficits to pro-vide all the needed aid itself. And aid to the Palestine Liberation Organi-

zation, long considered a terrorist organization by Washington, could be an even more ticklish proposition politically than aid to the former Communist nations. Congressional approval of such aid is far from assured. The countries involved in the peace talks

asked the World Bank to prepare a study of the economic needs of the occupied territories, See PLO, Page 5

Mandela Seeks 'Massive' Foreign Aid

CAPE TOWN — The African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela, appealed on Wednesday for heavy foreign investment in a post-apartheid South Africa. But with white rule and sanctions on the way

out, South Africans hoping to greet democracy in a new Chevrolet and Levi's were warned against being overly optimistic. Violence and public pressure are likely to

keep major foreign companies away for years, political and business leaders said, and even international loans will be delayed until a new povernment is in place.

Mr. Mandela, addressing white businessmen in Cape Town, said, "We are asking the interna-tional community for funds, for capital for the purpose of reconstruction and development." Speaking a day after a breakthrough in political talks that will end white rule, he added that

"as from the end of this month the ANC will actively campaign across the world for the lifting of all remaining sanctions and for inflows of capital into South Africa."

Regarding Mr. Mandela's call for an end to sanctions, Foreign Minister R. F. Botha said that it would have little effect, because sanc-

25 Blacks Are Killed

Twenty-five blacks were killed Wednesday in áttacks around Johannesburg. About 10 gunmen killed 19 people and wounded 22 when they fired on a line of commuters. A few hours later, two people were killed in an ambush on a minibus taxi. Earlier, four people were killed in a shootout at a taxi associa-tion meeting in Soweto (Page 6).

tions would only effectively be lifted when violence stopped.

"You can imagine that if the viewers in Europe see what is happening, and how people are being killed at random, they are not going to invest, irrespective of what the ANC or anybody says," he said.

Mr. Mandela's statement followed agreement by black and white groups Tuesday to form a multiracial council that will help run the country until elections in April. The Transitional Executive Council will not have absolute power, but it will require President Frederik W. de Klerk to consult with it on major decisions and will give blacks a role in governing the country for the first time.

The decision clears the way for the lifting of sanctions limiting investments in South Africa See MANDELA, Page 6

One Man's Brazen Romance With Cigars

By Neil A. Lewis lew York Times Service

NEW YORK -It is barely past 10 A.M. and Marvin R. Shanken, magazine publisher and avowed national cigar master, has already chuffed more than an hour's worth of rich and fragrant smoke into the air from a Hoyo de Monterrey Doubte Corona. He begins each day by lighting up one of these 7%-inch cigars, a product of Cuba's Vuelta Abajo region (im-porting them into the United States is prohibited, making them a possession of uncertain

This is the first of maybe five or six cigars he will smoke today, almost all from the several hundred boxes he keeps at his Madison Avenue office in a private walk-in humidor, its contents worth many tens of thousands of dollars.

Mr. Shanken, 49, has had a romance with the cigar since his college days at the University of Miami, and like many love affairs these days, it includes a strong commercial component. He is the editor and publisher of Cigar Aficionado, which just reached its first birthday despite the initial skepticism of industry analysts, who said it was aimed at too narrow an audience. As such, he has become the chief promoter of the cigar as the Resurrected Symbol of the Rich Life for (Mostly) Men.

Some of the industry's reported resurgence in the popularity of premium cigars can no doubt be attributed to his efforts, not only the maga-zine but also his promotion of Cigar Nights, in which smokers, mostly men, pay \$100 to \$1,000 each to don dinner jackets, indulge in fine cigars at a hotel banquet room, smile a lot and

punch one another jovially on the shoulder. T've made them fashionable," he says as he puffs on a Montecristo No. 2, a Cuban cigar known as a "torpedo" or "pyramid" because of its tapered end. "We even have Cigar Nights in

Readers write to the magazine asking the important questions of the age: Should on remove the band from the cigar before lighting. Are Havana cigars really the best? Should continue going out with someone who hates the smell of digars?

Such yearning by readers to steep themselve. in the lore and mystique of their hobby make the magazine resemble a kind of grown-us Boys' Life with Mr. Shanken as the head scout ster. In fact, instead of the impersonal salu

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The 747 Jumbo Jet: 25 Years of Social Revolution

When the first Boeing 747 rolled out 25 years ago this month, even many of the engineers who designed and built it never thought that more than a few hundred of the planes would

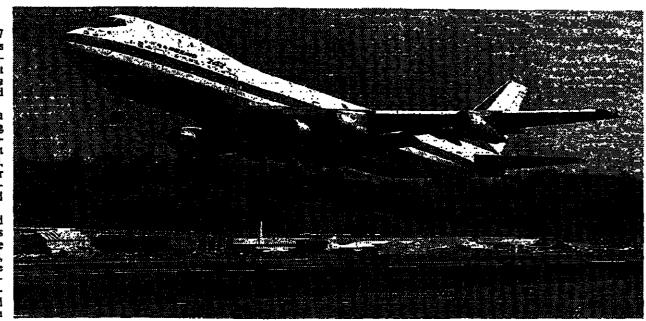
It was widely regarded as a stopgap on the way to producing a supersonic jet, and many predicted it would only find a market as a lumbering freighter. Instead, by becoming the most popular passenger-carrying aircraft in his-tory, it has wrought a social and economic revolution.

By shrinking the world and making flying affordable, it has put flight within the reach of the ics, spawned tourist resorts, turned the North Atlantic into the actial equivalent of a superhighway and made air freight so commonplace that fruit, flowers and vegetables are never out of season in many major cities.

On Friday, Boeing will deliver the 1,000th version of its 747 to Singapore Airlines.

The 747 ushered in the jumbo age, which also featured the smaller McDonnell Douglas DC-10 and the Lockheed L-1011 Tristar. The new aircraft meant that runways had to be expanded and new airport terminals had to be built to handle them. Such is the investment in airport infrastructure that it is unlikely that any aircraft will be built with a longer fuselage than a 747, or a wider wing span, although aircraft bodies will very likely be widened to accommodate more passengers on one or two decks.

The 747 "has enabled people to live a more mobile and rootless



The 747 on its first flight. The jumbo made flying affordable to the masses, turning the North Atlantic into an aerial superhighway.

ny Samoson the British social commentator. "Businessmen, bankers and even some tourists now know far more about the rest of the world than they do about their own countries. It has created a nomadic elite unimaginably detached from its own roots."
"For the British particularly,

it's made America as close as many parts of Europe. I think that has been a detracting influence in the unification of Europe. For Britons it is often cheaper to go to New York than it is even to go to Germany."

Only this year did the 747 lose its rank as the world's longestrange passenger jet, to the new Airbus 340. The 747 still carries a bigger payload than any other ci-vilian aircraft, typically 420 passengers in a three-class configuration, but more than 600 in a special short-range, high-density version built for the Japanese domestic market.

It faces no immediate rival, although Boeing is conducting a joint feasibility survey with its bitterest competitor, Airbus In-dustrie, to find out if a market exists for a generation of even bigger jumbos, carrying 600 to 800 passengers on intercontinen-

Nevertheless, Boeing expects to be producing the 747 well into the next century. "When the last 747 retires, it's quite possible that the

years or more," according to Phil Condit, Boeing's president.

The decision by Pan Am to order 25 747s off the drawing board - at a time when most people couldn't begin to envisage a plane carrying 400 passengers - effectively got the widebody off the ground in April 1966. Pan Am's president, Juan Trippe, was already dreaming of the revolu-tion that jumbo flight would bring about. He even predicted it would precipitate the fall of com-

"There can be no atom bomb potentially more powerful than the air tourist, charged with curiosity, enthusiasm and good will - who can roam the four corners of the world, meeting in friendship and understanding the people of other nations and races," Mr. Trippe said in a speech short-ly after launching the 747 program. "The tourist plane, the bomber, and now the missile, have been racing each other to a fateful finish. In my opinion, the huge 747 can help win this race. The 747 will be a great new weap-

But it was the terrorist bomb-ing of a Pan Am 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, 22 years later, with the loss of 270 lives, that effectively doomed the ailing airline to

on for peace."

47% of U.S. Adults Score Low on Literacy Levels

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — Nearly half of the adults in the United States have reading, writing and math skills so limited that they are deemed unable to function effectively in the workplace, according to a federal report

released Wednesday. The Department of Education, which released the report, stopped short of calling even those with the most limited skills illiterate, saying that most had rudimentary skills. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley

said he was "disappointed" by the results of the study, but not surprised, given the num-ber of people with low reading and math skills who also live in poverty. The study, commissioned by the Depart-

ment of Education, showed that those functioning at the higher skill levels were more likely to be employed, work more weeks in a

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year and earn higher wages than those at the conducted in the first eight months of 1992

. For instance, those functioning at the lowest of five proficiency levels reported working an average of 18 to 19 weeks in 1991, while those at the highest three levels reported working on average from 34 to 44 weeks.

Also, those with the lowest level skills earned a median weekly salary of \$230 to \$245, compared with \$620 to \$680 for those at the highest level.

According to the study, 90 million adults function at the lowest two proficiency levels, 61 million have middle-level skills and 34 million to 40 million are at the two highest proficiency levels. Those at the lowest two levels - 47 percent of all U.S. adults - are considered unable to function effectively in the workplace, the study said.

The study results were based on interviews tion on a simple form.

with more than 13,000 adults age 16 and older. They were randomly selected to repre-sent the U.S. adult population as a whole. The study, ordered by Congress, also

 As many as 40 million of the 191 million adults in the United States possess the lowest level of skills, meaning they can total an entry on a bank deposit slip, locate the time or place of a meeting or identify a piece of specific information in a brief news article. Many of the respondents were unable to

complete even those tasks. An estimated 50 million have the skills to calculate the total of a purchase, determine the difference in price between two items, find a particular intersection on a street map and enter background informa-

 An estimated 61 million adults can decipher information from long or dense texts or documents, while an estimated 34 to 40 million possess the highest skills required for the most challenging tasks.

 Young adults — those 21 to 25 years old surveyed last year showed literacy skills 11 to 14 percentage points lower than those in the same age group taking part in a 1985

The report blamed the change in part on the shifting demographics of the population group, particularly the number of people speaking English as a second language.

 Blacks, American Indians and Native Alaskans, Hispanics and Asians were more likely than whites to have performed in the lower two proficiency levels.

Ciampi Said to Intervene in Labor Riot

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THE CLASSICATIVE SWIZEFLAND Printer Printers

ROME — Italy's main opposition party said Wednesday that Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi had intervened in Italy's worst labor dispute in years, at a

fertilizer plant where hundreds of become a national symbol of the workers rioted in an attempt to job emergency in southern Italy, Mr. Ciampi telephoned Achille division of the state energy group Occhetto, leader of the former ENI. The group is under govern-Communist Party, now the Demo-ment orders to stem losses before

he had suspended an order laying off 333 chemical workers in the company agreed Wednesday that the 333 workers at Crotone would the suspended for the particle of the suspended for the suspende

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Mr. Occhetto appealed for Mr. convened by the government in Ciampi to take action after riots Rome on Monday, but insisted that

■ A Sense of Emergency

With unemployment swelling to protest against the planned closure the south, where unen

owner, the Italian Treasury. worst labor trouble many Italians main industrial site, unemploycould recall, and it underscored a ment has climbed to 40 percent.

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The rioting in Crotone was the In Calabria, where Crotone is the

Aficionado.

Rising Star, Still Faint, Seeks Bonn **Presidency**

By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service

BERLIN - Germans will vote next year to elect a new chancellor and a new parliament, but the political palaver in Germany these days swirls around the largely ceremonial office of president.

Richard von Weizsäcker completes his second five-year term in May and cannot succeed himself, to the disappointment of most Germans who admire him as a strong moral voice.

A majority, according to a cur-rent poll, favor retired Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher. But he has so steadfastly rejected overtures from his liberal Free Democratic Party that pundits believe he really does not want it. That has thrown the election

wide open. The major parties are so weak and the forecast for next year's general elections so uncertain that the presidential contest has become a

test of political strength. The latest rising star is Steffen Heitmann, justice minister of Saxony. Mr. Heitmann, 48, a lawyer for Protestant church opponents during the Communist era, has won plaudits from the Christian Democrats. He also fulfills Chancellor Helmut Kohl's desire that the next president come from the East.

Mr. Heitmann pronounced him-self available Wednesday, should the Christian Democrats call. Unfortunately almost no one knows who he is. A poll commissioned by Die Woche magazine reported that only i percent of those surveyed favored him. Such obscurity is not necessarily fatal since the president is not popularly elected, but chosen by a special assembly of parliamentarians and state representatives.

Mr. Kohl has hinted at support for Mr. Heitmann without offering a formal endorsement or closing off his options. The chancellor's search for an Easterner with stature has gone begging for the most part, since most prominent Eastern politicians are tainted by association

with the Communist regime.

The opposition Social Democrats favor Johannes Rau, premier of North Rhine-Westphalia, In Die Woche's poll, Mr. Rau placed second to Mr. Genscher with 24 percent. Yet Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats cannot support Mr. Rau without signaling that they expect to form a "grand coalition" with the opposition after the general election in October 1994.

Another poll this week, by the Wickert Institute, indicated that 60 percent of potential voters — and three of every four in the East — agree with Mr. Kohl that the president should be an Easterner. Another name proposed is Jens Reich, a biologist and civil rights campaigner during the Communist re-

■ Jewish Graves Profaned

wrote Hitler's name and tore down scores of gravestones at a Jewish cemetery in Eastern Germany, The Associated Press reported from Frankfurt an der Oder, quoting the police Wednesday.

Prosecutors in the city on the Polish border offered a reward of 5.000 Deutsche marks (\$3,100) for information that would help arrest the vandals who descrated the cemetery in nearby Wriezen.

WORLD BRIEFS

Hanoi Denies Soviet Claim on POWs

HANOI (Reuters) - Vietnamese officials said Wednesday that a newly disclosed Soviet report suggesting Hanoi had held hundreds more U.S. prisoners of war than it acknowledged in the early 1970s was untrue. An official government denial of the report, a potential bombshell in the delicate process of normalizing U.S.-Vietnamese relations, was expected

The existence of the report was made public by the Pentagon in Washington on Tuesday night, a week before President Bill Clinton was expected to make major decisions on a 29-year-old U.S. economic embargo against Hanoi. The Pentagon said that Russian authorities had provided records purporting to show that North Vietnam held 735 U.S. prisoners in late 1970 or early 1971, although it publicly acknowledged

Mr. Clinton's legal authority to maintain sanctions against Vietnam. North Korea and Cuba expires on Sept. 14 and he is expected to renew it. But there has been speculation that, while retaining the authority to impose sanctions, he will soon ease the embargo against Vietnam or lift it entirely following a year of improved ties.

Iraq Is Said to Hold Many Kuwaitis

LONDON (AP) - Iraq is still secretly holding hundreds of Kuwaitis and other foreign prisoners. Amnesty International reported Wednesday.

And in a separate report, it said President Saddam Hussein's government arrested scores of prominent Iraqis in a crackdown last month against his

In its report about the Kuwaitis, the human rights group stated: "They have been denied all contact with the outside world. Some may have been tortured and others may have died as a result of torture or have been

iraq arrested thousands of Kuwaitis and others and transferred them to Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. After the expulsion of the Iraqis from Kuwait seven months later, more than 7,000 prisoners of war and civilian captives were repatriated from Iraq, Amnesty International said. Since January 1992, Iraq has claimed that all the arrested prisoners had been repatriated, it said.

Yeltsin Aide Predicts Kurils Return

TOKYO (AFP) - An aide to President Boris N. Yeltsin said Wednesday that four Russian-held northern islands in the Kuril chain would be returned to Japan. "Justice will be restored, with the islands being \. returned to Japan sooner or later," a former Russian state secretary, Gennadi E. Burbulis, was quoted by the Jiji Press as saying in a speech.

Japan has long been demanding the return of the Habomai islets.

Shikotan, Kunashiri and Etorofu in the Kuril chain, claiming that they were illegally occupied by the Soviet Union in the closing days of World

Mr. Burbulis was quoted as saying that what happened to the four islands in the 1940s was a Stalinist act of oppression and aggression. His remarks were in sharp contrast to comments by of the Russian prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, last month that there was no territorial

Azerbaijan Asks Russia to Aid Peace

MOSCOW (AP) - The Azerbaijani leader, Geidar Aliyev, said Vednesday that the war with Armenia was in a dangerous phase and that he was counting on Russia to play a major role in ending the five-year

Mr. Aliyev also said that he was ready to meet Armenian leaders this month to negotiate an end to the conflict over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh. He did not say whether Baku would agree to cede territories occupied by Armenian forces from Nagorno-Karabakh, who hold about one-fifth of Azerbaijan. "We are counting on Russia to play a more essential role in the solution," he said.

The president of Armenia, Levon A. Ter-Petrosyan, was quoted by the Russian news agency Interfax as saying that he welcomed "any dialogue aimed at regulating regional problems

TRAVEL UPDATE

Paris to Cover Notre Dame Facade

PARIS (Reuters) - Worn by rain and pollution, the finely sculpted facade of the 12th-century Notre Dame Cathedral will be partly covered for restoration over the next two years, the Culture Ministry said

A spokeswoman said that work to replace stones and restore statues eroded by acid rain and exhaust fumes would not interrupt visits and that the church's twin bell-towers would remain open. The cathedral draws about 11 million visitors a year. Restoration started two years ago and is expected to last eight more years at a cost of 100 million francs (\$17

France's state railroad company, SNCF, announced fare cuts Wednes-Jewish Graves Prolaned day to win back travelers angered by a faulty new computerized ticket Vandals painted swastikas, system. Prices for discount tickets for families, young people and pensioners will be cut by half from Oct. 1 to the end of the year. (Reuters)

South African Airways announced Wednesday that it would add a second weekly flight to Australia beginning Oct. 31. The new flight will leave Johannesburg on Sundays and Sydney on Mondays, stopping at Perth in both directions, the airline said. The Australian airline Qantas is also planning to add to its weekly flight on the same route.

Deutsche Lufthansa AG said Wednesday in Frankfurt that it has signed a cooperation agreement with the Brazilian carrier VARIG. Under the agreement, effective Oct. 31., the two carriers will each offer an additional flight a week between Frankfurt and Brazil. Lufthansa will fly from Frankfurt to Recife and Salvador, while VARIG will fly to São Paolo and

MIAMI: Another Tourist Is Killed CIGAR: One Man's Shameless Love Affair, Including a Strong Commercial Component

Continued from Page 1 then pulled alongside when Mr. Rakebrand refused to stop. One of the men in the van fired one shot through the driver's side window of the car, striking Mr. Rakebrand in

The van sped off as the car, now out of control, jumped the median and ended up in the other lanes, where it was involved in a minor collision, the police said. The woman was not injured.
In Bonn, the German govern-

ment repeated its warning of a June travel advisory that Germans avoid picking up rental cars at the Miami airport. It recommended that they arrange for the vehicle to be delivered to their hotel.

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Wednesday in Miami that he was

"The message is out there: You've got to be careful when you Gary Siegel, who led a special Sen-ate committee on tourist-related crime. This is really going to hurt.

When she got out to inspect the damage, she was beaten, robbed and run over. Two men were later charged with first-degree murder

Governor Lawton Chiles said "just so distressed I don't know what to say."

go to Florida," said state Senator This kind of image has got to stop."
On April 2, a German teacher,
Barbara Meller Jensen, got lost after leaving the Miami airport with her two young children and her mother. Her rental car was struck from behind by another vehicle.

Another German tourist and rental-car customer, Jorg Schell, the reporter each get ready to light up a pre-was fatally shot March il just after Castro La Corona Churchill, the third cigar be and his wife checked in at a of their tasting. Will anyone object and have

Continued from Page 1 tation "To the Editor," the letters start with

On this day, Mr. Shanken has agreed to smoke a few cigars at his office and at a cigar-friendly restaurant of his choosing. He chooses the 21 Club. He is attired in a dark suit, a light shirt and a blaring necktie with a drawing of a man smoking a cigar, plus suspenders with a cigar-smoking motif. Settling into the restaurant's clubby and

dark downstairs dining room, Mr. Shanken said, "In this place if someone objects to your smoking a cigar, they just offer to seat them somewhere else." Ken Aretsky, the restaurant's chairman

and a cigar smoker himself, came by and said proudly, "In here if someone objects to your rigar, we just tell them we'll seat them some-Given the closeness of the tables, a confrontation seems inevitable.

At the end of the meal, Mr. Shanken and

A sleek woman at the next table, just

inches away, turned and said: "Are you going to smoke that?"

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But wait — the companion had just finished a rice pudding, and some of it seemed to be lingaring. Himmen, better rinse that away with a glass of water and try again. mounted. Well, that's OK with me," she said, "I

incident is avoided. The air at Mr. Shanken's table was soon thick with smoke from leaves that were ex-

What does it taste like? Mr. Shanken pressed his companion.

This is a tricky question. Mr. Shanken also publishes The Wine Spectator, which uses precious adjectives by the thesaurus-full to describe the taste of wine, and he has adapted the same style to describe cigars in Cigar

They are not only scored by number but are also described in the magazine's blind tastings as having notes of chocolate, cinnamon, coffee and unnamed spices. One does not want to fail to come up with an answer demonstrating a sophisticated palate. After one puff, the task seemed easy:

There was a distinct taste of vanilla and

cinnamon and — ves! — raisins!

think I'll smoke a cigarette myself." Alas, an

distinctive flavor - no spice, no coffee, no cardamom, no sardines - just a mellow smoke with a beautiful, smooth draw. Mr. Shanken pronounced it elegant and refined, pertly rolled and packed by hand in 1957. In an utterly apt description. Which answers a common question: Can

an old cigar still be a good smoke? Mr. Shanken said that as long as a cigar has not been broken, it can be restored to smokability in the humidor. All other questions aside, just who is the contemporary smoker of premium cigars? he

was asked. What kind of gury will lay out \$3 for a cigar and \$4 for his quarterly magazine? "Someone confident in his life style," he said. "An overachiever." His face creasing into a smile, he added: "Someone who is

maybe even a part-outlaw in spirit."

During lunch, he lists several prominent big-shouldered men of industry like Lee Iacocca who are among his 100,000-plus sub-scribers, as well as celebrities, some of them women, like Whoopi Goldberg, who smoke

cigars. The autumn issue details the smoking habits of all 42 American presidents. It counts several cigar smokers, among them Ulysses S. Grant, John F. Kennedy and Bill Actually, it turns out, the cigar has little

Yet, the cigar in President Clinton's mouth these days is usually unlighted. This leads Mr. Shanken to denounce one reason for it - Hillary Rodham Clinton's edict against smoking in the White House.
"It's not her house," he grumbled. house is the residential portion. That house belongs to the American people, to every

American, and if someone wants to smoke a

cigar there, she has no right to deny them.

It's just un-American. How dare she do There is a spirituality about cigars, he says, a special peacefulness. People should be tol-

erant of il. At the end of the day, Mr. Shanken retires to his apartment on the Upper East Side and looks forward to his next early-morning smoke of a Hoyo Double Corona. Where in the apartment is his favorite smoking area?

Actually, nowhere in the apartment, he responded delicately. "My wife doesn't let me smoke at home.

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Martha rushed in to break Herbert of

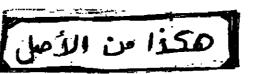
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STATESIDE / FIXING THE GOVERNMENT

Many Have Tried, but None Successfully, to Reduce Red Tape

By David E. Rosenbaum

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — "The government is broken, and we intend to fix it," President Bill Clinton said Tuesday.

No one who has tried to fill out a Medicare form, get the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration on the phone, apply for a contract or grant no one, in short, who has ever been hogued by red tape - can disagree with Mr. Clinton's description. The bureaucracy is bloated, wasteful and inefficient.

But no one who studies past efforts to hange this situation can be confident that this president will succeed.

Administrations have tried repeatedly since 1905, when Theodore Roosevelt assion to study how to improve the manage-

those who followed him, by the tensions times. between good politics and good govern-

By Robert Pear

the Clinton administration appear to be backing away from the idea of

limiting the tax deductions that

employers may take for the cost of

The officials said Tuesday that

under his proposals to overhaul the

health care system, President Bill

Clinton would go ahead with a plan

to require employees to pay taxes on benefits they receive that are

above those guaranteed all Ameri-

cans under the government's pro-

But Paul Starr, an adviser at the

White House, said in an interview

that to deny employers a deduction

for their costs of any benefits ex-

ceeding those in the standard pack-

age would be "too Draconian."
At a briefing on Saturday at

which Mr. Starr was present, an-

other White House official said

that after a transition period de-

ductions for employers would be

limited to "the scope of the guaran-

But Kevin Anderson, a White

House spokesman, said Tuesday:

The tax cap provision doesn't af-

fect employers at all. It doesn't af-fect employer deductibility. It is

simply a limitation on how much of

an employer-provided benefit is

shielded from being treated as tax-

That tax treatment of employees

able income to an employee."

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their employees' health benefits.

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Officials of

Clinton May Ease Plan

To Tax Health Benefits

ment, between the executive and legislative branches, between efficiency and equity. between saving money and providing services better. What some view as red tape, others see as safeguards.

Some circumstances today do bode well for "re-inventing government." Public discontent with federal opera-

NEWS ANALYSIS

tions is now near a record high. Congress is controlled by the president's party. Bureaucrats themselves participated in draft-ing the new policy. The proposals have less of a partisan and ideological tint than did many previous ones.

An Associated Press poll last month found that 95 percent of adults believed signed an assistant treasury secretary, that the government wasted "a great deal".

Charles Hallem Keep, to form a commisor or "quite a lot" of money. A poli last year by the University of Michigan found that 70 percent never trusted the government to Mr. Keep was frustrated, as were most of do what was right or trusted it only some-

has significant political implica-tions. Labor unions, already at

odds with the administration over

the North American Free Trade

Agreement, have long resisted any tax on the benefits of their mem-

bers. Further, Mr. Clinton risks the

wrath of large numbers of middle-

income workers if they perceive that the benefits provided by their employers exceed what the govern-

Under current law, employers

can take a tax deduction for all

their employee health insurance costs, and their workers need not

pay taxes on any of the benefits. Mr. Starr said Monday that the

administration had never consid-

ered imposing a limit on the em-ployer deduction. But this ap-

peared to be at odds with a White

House document describing the

president's plan as it stood late last

month. The document says: "Em-

ployer contributions toward the

premium for the national benefit

package are tax-deductible to the

employer and not counted as in-

ment is prepared to guarantee.

tensions that thwarted their predecessors. First, Mr. Clinton must decide whether the war is worth the political ammunition

But while reforming the government may be politically popular in the abstract, it tends to fade in the light of particulars.

Proposals such as cutting pay for some workers on U.S. construction projects, abolishing local agriculture offices and putting the budget on a two-year cycle are bound to raise objections. Mr. Clinton must calculate whether for the sake of good government it is worth antagonizing union members who are essential in his battle to overhaul the nation's health care system, farmers whose support is necessary for approval of the trade agreement with Mexico and congressional leaders who can make or break his legislative goals.

mes.

"Once they see what they're up against,
But Mr. Clinton and Vice President Al presidents tend to lose interest very quick-

ied on foreign airlines.

foreign aid.

Among the hundreds of recom-

mendations in Mr. Gore's National

week, are several that could have a

ple, may close its Regional Admin-

Mexico City center. These centers

process personnel files and pay-checks for U.S. employees abroad.

The Gore review also estimates

that the U.S. Treasury could take in

the possibility of charging foreign

tions for foreign aircraft.

Ronald Reagan, for instance, never pressed for the hundreds of reorganization proposals offered in 1984 by his commission headed by J. Peter Grace, the chairman of W.R. Grace & Co. Democrats in Congress saw the Grace Commission's work as a conservative attempt to dismanby Mr. Reagan, most of the recommendations died.

Skeptics observe that all the positions civil service. No jobs requiring political appointment would be affected. These are the jobs most important to politicians, the ones presidents use to meet their political

Paul C. Light, a professor at the Univerpolitical appointees would be exempt. lators will be reluctan "Our research shows that about half the even-numbered years.

Gore, the commander in the war against ly," Donald F. Kettl, a political scientist at layers that get in the way of frontline mismanagement, face the same inherent the University of Wisconsin, said. workers are at the top levels," Mr. Light

> The response from Congress was generally favorable, but that too is likely to diminish when the legislators start dealing with the specifics.

Many of the rules and regulations that tle social programs, and, without nurturing Mr. Clinton finds excessive were written by Congress, including most of those on jobtraining, personnel and procurement that he would scrap or rewrite. The rules were that Mr. Clinton would abolish are in the not enacted casually. They were written, especially in years when Democrats con-trolled Congress and Republicans the White House, to make sure the executive branch would do what Congress intended.

The barons on Capitol Hill are likely to rebel, for example, against the proposal sity of Minnesota, said he thought the that budgets he written for two years at a Clinton proposals were "on balance quite time. Control of the purse strings is the positive." But he said he was disturbed that main source of congressional power. Legislators will be reluctant to relinquish it in

Senate Confirms Surgeon General Mominee

WASHINGTON - The Senate confirmed Dr. Joycelyn Elders as U.S. surgeon general after conservative Republicans failed in their effort to derail the nomination.

Dr. Elders's nomination was approved, 65 to 34, with 13 Republicans joining all but 4 Democrats in supporting the outspoken former head of the Arkansas Health Department. She had angered conservatives with her advocacy of abortion rights, sex education and condom distribution in schools.

The Democrats who opposed her were: Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, John B. Breaux of Louisiana, J. James Exon of Nebraska, and Wendell H. Ford of Kentucky. Three of them are members of the Democratic leadership: Mr. Byrd is president pro tempore. Mr. Ford is Democratic whip and Mr. Breaux is assistant whip. Nearly all the Republicans who voted for Dr. Elders are moder-

ates, including Alan K. Simpson of Wyoming, the assistant Republi-The vote followed a daylong debate, during which Dr. Elders's

supporters characterized her as a forceful, fearless crusader on issues such as teenage pregnancy and infant mortality, while her foes denounced her as a biased, publicity-hungry radical.

"She is a diamond in the rough —her opponents see the rough, but they always miss the diamond," said Senator Edward M Kennedy. Democrat of Massachusetts, the floor manager for the nomination.

Senator Don Nickles, Republican of Oklahoma, who led the opposition to her confirmation, said he was concerned that she had a very radical agenda" and had made "bigoted and intolerant statements that we would not expect from the surgeon general of the

Dr. Elders is a pediatric endocrinologist and former medical school professor who served six years as head of the Arkansas Health Department while President Bill Clinton was governor.

During the debate Tuesday, Dr. Elders's foes continued pressing their case, describing her views — and her method of expressing them — as offensive to millions of Americans. Several cited her references to the "male-dominated" Roman Catholic Church and to "Bible-belt' thinking" during debates over abortion and teenage pregnancy as examples of insensitivity and intolerance. They also criticized her support for the use of Norplant, 2 surgically implanted birth control device, by women addicted to crack.

Quote/Unquote

Representative Newt Gingrich, the conservative Republican from Georgia, on the politics course he will teach this fall at Kennesaw State College: "Til be glad to quote Democrats, but not liberals. Our goal is to replace the welfare state. Why would I quote someone who does not believe in that?"

Revamping of Bureaucracy **Envisions Billions in User Fees**

In Canada Vote The Associated Press

TORONTO -- Prime Minister Kim Campbell, chosen by her party to replace the unpopular Brian Mulroney three months ago, on Wednesday called a national election for Oct. 25.

Leader Makes

Jobs a Priority

The 47-day campaign will end by either extending nine years of Conservative rule or by guiding this nation of 27 million people to a freer-spending left. Mrs. Campbell, 46, a lawyer

from Vancouver, is hoping her personal popularity can overcome declining enthusiasm for her Progressive Conservative Party and transform her into Canada's first woman prime minister with a voter mandate.

The prime minister said Canadians must choose what approach they want to take for solving the problems of the

come for employees. Additional benefits, including coverage for "Above all. Canadians want results," she said. "Jobs and cost-sharing, are tax-deductible for greater economic opportunithree years or the life of existing ties are the key priorities for Canadians in the 1990s." Recollective bargaining contracts." ferring to the Liberal opposi-Representative Jim Cooper, tion, Mrs. Campbell said she Democrat of Tennessee, lamented the administration's new stance. believed Canadians did not "The linchpin of managed compewant policies that include tition is a real limitation on the "spending like there is no toemployer deductibility" of health

Eliminating State Department facilities, cutting embassy security By Paul F. Horvitz International Herald Tribune facilities, cutting embassy security
WASHINGTON — The overhaul of the federal bureaucracy rec- seas representation could save \$58 ommended by Vice President Al million, the report says. Another Gore envisions billions of dollars in \$36 million could be saved by new (ees paid to the government, including modest new user fees levionship to the United Nations, in-

cluding stronger oversight and un-specified tax law changes. Overall, Mr. Gore's effort would Performance Review, released this generate an estimated \$108 billion in savings during the next five years, if fully carried out.

direct impact on foreign govern-ments, U.S. embassies and offices The savings would largely come from streamlining government purabroad and the distribution of U.S. chasing and hiring practices, consolidating agencies and eliminating The State Department, for exam-250,000 government jobs. But cost savings are accompanied by proistrative Management Centers in Paris and Bangkok under the plan, and it definitely plans to shut the posed revenue increases.

Changes envisioned for the U.S. Customs Service could bring in \$450 million, the report estimates. but it was not immediately clear whether these involved increases in customs duties.

Mr. Gore, whose report has been \$8 million over the next five years endorsed by President Bill Clinton, from foreign airlines by increasing wants to make these changes affees charged for certifying and fecting foreign governments and checking operations at repair sta-U.S. offices abroad: • Eliminate as many as 55 U.S. In addition, it urges the Depart-

ment of Transportation to study Agency for International Development missions overseas, primarily those in developed countries. Save about \$50 million by clos-

airlines fees for passing over U.S. air space on international flights. ing U.S. Information Agency li-Estimated five-year receipts: \$9 braries and other facilities in devel-

oped countries, or turning them over to the host government. One USIA library in Canada had only 568 visitors in a year's time.

• Consolidate all nonmilitary broadcasting overseas under USIA. This would include Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty,

• Give more authority over ending and hiring to U.S. embassy chiefs of mission.

 More actively collect debts owed by foreign governments. • Eliminate I l Marine guard detachments abroad by moving sensitive documents.

Inspection by President

President Clinton waded through stacks of government supplies at a warehouse Wednesday and singled out regulations on buying everything from aspirin to insect repellent as examples of "outrageous" rules that waste taxpayers' money, The Associated Press reported from Springfield,

."Every taxpaying citizen who goes out in the summertime buys insect repellent and no rational person could possibly believe that federal employees need specially designed insect repellent," Mr. Clinton told federal workers in the giant government warehouse.

Away From Politics

• Two white drifters accused of abducting a black Brooklyn man on vacation in Florida and setting him on fire were found guilty in West Palm Beach of attempted murder, kidnapping and armed robbery. After a five-month review of a disputed documentary that portrayed members of a black tank battalion as liberators of the Nazi concentration camps at Dachau and Buchenwald, WNET-TV in New York said that it could find no evidence that the unit had liberated either camp. The film, which had been praised by Mayor David N. Dinkins and other black and Jewish leaders as a heroic example of blacks helping Jews in crisis, and which had been nominated for an Academy Award, was pulled from public television in February as questions about its accuracy mounted.

 Alcohol-related medical problems put older Americans into the hospital more often than heart attacks and cost taxpayers more than \$230 million a year for \$7,000 hospitalizations paid for by Medicare. according to a study in The Journal of the American Medical NYT. AP. Reugers

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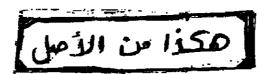
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For PLO Leader, a Showdown Executive Committee Meets to Review Pact

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

TUNIS - As israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization struggled to find a semantic formula for mutual recognition, the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, headed into a showdown late Wednesday with the PLO ruling board, hoping to suppress lingering doubts about making peace with the Israelis,

After returning from Oman, Mr. Arafat convened a late-night session of the PLO's Executive Committees The committee will review all documents involving the mutual recognition pact and a plan to establish Palesinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank ity of Jericho that Mr. Arafat envisions as the first

step toward an independent homeland for his people.

Mr. Arafat's senior aides were confident that he would secure a strong consensus in favor of his initiative and confront less animosity from skeptics than in last week's meeting with the Fatah central committee, when he was forced to endure more than 15 hours of angry debate with dissidents from his own mainstream

after the secretly negotiated deal with Israel was revealed, and at least two others belonging to radical leftist factions are expected to boycout the meeting. Their absence will leave Mr. Arafat's supporters with a

Approval by the PLO board would give Mr. Arafat the authority to make a formal declaration in the name of the Palestinian movement recognizing Israel and renouncing terrorism. He made a similar statement in 1988 when he announced that articles in the PLO's founding charter alluding to destruction of the Jewish state were "oull and void."

But Israel wants Mr. Arafat to go further by promis-ling to abolish the objectionable parts of the covenant and disavow all forms of armed struggle, including the intifada, or uprising against Israeli military occupa-tion in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. PLO officials say they do not have sufficient author-

ity to halt all acts of rebellion against Israel's military occupation, since in recent months rival fundamentalist groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad have gained increasing influence.

"We are telling the Israelis that stone-throwing and other acts of violence are directed against the forces of military occupation, and once their troops pull out, the protests will cease because they will no longer have a reason," a senior PLO source said. He said that the Israelis "cannot escalate demands

on every issue or the process."

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which are plagued by poor roads

and natural resources, a shortage of

water and arable land, and a per

capita income of \$1,350 a year -

As was the case with aid to the

former Soviet Union, the Clinton

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PLO: The Real Key to Peace May Be Billions in Aid

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the areas to which Israel has agreed

to grant self-rule.

by the Israeli government about any reference to a greater Israel?" he asked. "We want to create goodwill

on the ground, not just on paper." Much of the endgame was taking place in Paris, PLO officials said, where Israeli and PLO representatives were meeting with their chief mediator, Norway's foreign minister, Johan Jorgen Holst. He served as the go-between during the 14 rounds of back-channel negotiations that took place in Oslo from January to

August of this year.

Palestinian officials were still hoping that the mutual recognition deal could be achieved through a formal exchange of letters between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Mr. Arafat so that a signing ceremony on the limited self-rule plan could still occur on Washington on Monday. A State Department aide said the Clinton administration would prefer to hold the ceremony on that day but acknowledged that everything depended on the final negotiations.

Meanwhile, Mr. Arafat was continuing to line up

political and financial support throughout the Arab world for his breakthrough deal with Israel PLO officials expressed satisfaction with his meeting Tues-day with Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos ibn Said, which ended a three-year estrangement with the Gulf Arab

Once the main friends of the PLO, the Gulf Arabs. led by Saudi Arabia, cut off their multimillion-dollar stipends following Mr. Arafat's decision to back President Saddam Hussein of Iraq following his invasion of

Sultan Qaboos has been striving without success to reconcile Mr. Arafat with his former Gulf benefactors. The cut in Gulf money plunged the PLO into the worst-financial crisis in its history. Ironically, those difficul-ties may have contributed to driving Mr. Arafat, in his desperation, to undertake the peace gamble with Israel's Labor government.

The six Gulf Arab states voted Sunday to support has said he would not nominate another Shas the Israeli-Palestinian deal as the first step toward a "just, lasting and comprehensive peace settlement" in the region. But they pointedly refrained from making any promise of financial assistance to help rebuild the infrastructure in the occupied territories.

The PLO has prepared a detailed blueprint of how to revive economic life in the occupied territories once Israeli troops withdraw from Palestinian population centers. Ahmed Koreih, also known as Abu Alaa, the head of the PLO's economic department and Mr. Arafat's chief emissary in the secret negotiations with Israel, told ABC News that the recovery plan would "Should we, for example, be asking for a formal ban the next seven years."

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Government officials and econo-

mists say that aid is vital because



Demonstrators in Hebron, on the occupied West Bank, marching Wednesday in support of the PLO and the self-rule accord with Israel.

ISRAEL: Resignation in Corruption Case Casts Shadow on Self-Rule Pact

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member to take Mr. Deri's post. While the Shas rank-and-file have expressed resentment at the charges against Mr. Deri, other analysts predict the party will remain in the coalition because it benefits enormously from government subsidies.

Mr. Rabin's coalition has 67 seats in the Israeli parliament, or Knesset, including the votes of five Arab members who are not formally part of the coalition but support it.

The loss of the six Shas members would shave Mr. Rabin's margin to a bare 61-member majority of the 120-member Knesset, including the Arab votes, and could complicate his effort to win approval of the agreements with the PLO. The Knesset will be asked to approve the declaration of principles with the PLO for cre-

ating Palestinian self-government.

Mr. Deri has been under investigation for nearly three years, and recently prosecutors 1.65 billion in the next five years to drew up a "charge sheet" accusing him of fraud in channeling money to the party and affiliated institutions. Mr. Deri has denied the charges. we badly need this amount because we have a very poor infrastructure," said Samir Hazboun, chairman of the economics decree

■ Rabin Expresses Sorrow

Mr. Rabin, speaking to reporters at a receptional financial institutions.

But World Bank officials say they face several sensitive obstacles

The 600-page World Bank report without it, political tensions could continue to grow notwithstanding an agreement that grants self-rule. tion for diplomats, said he received Mr. Den's letter "with great sorrow," The Associated Press reported.

The prime minister bemoaned what he called "a miserable string of events" that had led to Mr. Deri's resignation while Israel faced "an historic opportunity, because today, most Arab countries are ready for peace."

Mr. Deri is accused of funneling about

\$250,000 into party coffers and religious councils while serving in a former cabinet. The Moroccan-born Mr. Deri has also been a

Israel Names 189 Exiles **Who May Return Home**

MARJ AZ-ZOHOUR, Lebanon (Reuters) - Palestinians expelled by Israel rejoiced with cheers, hugs and tears on Wednesday when Israel identified the 189 deportees who will be allowed to return on Thursday after nearly nine months in a no-man's-land in southern Leba-

Israel said the deportees should gather at 7 A.M. on Thursday at a point near the Zemraya crossing into Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon. The government will decide whether the men who return to Israel are detained or allowed to go to their homes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The remaining deportees will be allowed to return in December. Israel expelled 415 men on Dec. 17, saying they had links with violent Islamic

The International Committee of the Red Cross previously organized the return of 19 sick exiles or men expelled by mistake.

key link between Mr. Rabin's government and Jews of Oriental origin, because he took a more practical position toward forging peace than

the generally hawkish Sephardim.

The plan for Palestiman autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jericho, was approved by the Israeli cabinet last week. It will face a parliament vote after it is signed by Israel and the PLO.

But the Knesset is scheduled to hold an informal debate about the plan beginning on Thursday, in response to opposition requests. Mr. Rabin suggested that there was movement toward signing the agreement, which re-

ports say may occur in Washington next week.

Signature of the accord has been delayed so far by efforts to secure mutual diplomatic recognition between Israel and the PLO. Mr. Rabin said Israel was "ready to recog-

nize them under certain conditions. He added, "I hope they respond positively to what we are discussing so we can recognize them at all. Israel is a sovereign country and doesn't need to be recognized by anyone."

Israel wants the PLO to renounce its 30-yearold charter that calls for the destruction of the Jewish state. Negotiations over the form of the renunciation are continuing in Paris with the help of the Norwegian foreign minister, Johan Jorgen Holst, who brokered the autonomy

Mr. Rabin scoffed at opponents of the peace plan who contend that autonomy is a first step toward Palestinian statehood which could threaten Israeli security.

EC Offers To Double Assistance

By Tom Buerkie onal Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — The European Community proposed Wednesday to double its assistance to Palestininns in the Israeli-occupied territories in an effort to buttress the Middle East peace process through economic development.

The Community's executive body, the EC Commission, said it would seek approval from its member states to provide an additional 100 million Ecus (\$85 million) a year in grants and loans over the next five years. The Community is the biggest Western donor to the Palestinians, providing about 90 million Ecus this year, primarily for

education and health care.
The additional funds would be spent primarily in the occupied ternitories but also could be used throughout the region to foster economic cooperation, particularly if Jordan, Lebanon and Syria strike separate peace pacts with Israel.

The commission also said it would seek to steer its existing bilateral aid programs in the region to support cross-border development of water resources, transportation, communication and other projects. Those programs are scheduled to provide 983 million Ecus of aid to Egypt, Israel, Jor-dan, Lebanon and Syria from 1992 to 1996.

"The only way of achieving sta-bility in the Middle East is greater economic cooperation between countries in the region," said Manuel Marin, the EC commissioner for development.

Even with the increase, the EC funds represent only a fraction of the region's needs. Yasser Arafat, chairman of Palestinian Liberation Organization, was quoted Wednesday as saying that the Palestinians would need \$6 billion in aid, while the World Bank reportedly has pegged the needs of a Middle East development fund at more than \$4 billion. The United States has proposed a \$590 million fund merely to help the Palestinians set up a governing apparatus for self-rule in the territories.

The commission will have difficulty finding the extra money in a budget already strapped by recession in Europe and growing farm support payments, Mr. Marin said. He indicated that any commission contribution to a World Banksponsored fund would probably come out of the new aid program

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CYNICS: 'Utopian' City Leaves Legacy of Bitterness and Generation of Nonbelievers

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"There were five families living in the was almost double the official target. Such was his devotion to Communist ideals that result of disease and malnutrition.

"There were five families living in the same house, which we built together," recalled Mrs. Sidorenko. "We shared every-"For the earlier generation, ideals were thing, including clothes. If you needed some boots, you put on the first pair that said Sergei Basharin, 20, a third-year stuffit O.K., things didn't turn out the way we dent at the Komsomolsk technical college, expected, but I don't regret anything. We "We are just interested in finding ways of gave everything we had to the movement, achieving a comfortable standard of living We worked day and night for an ideal. We

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"Practically everything that was written in those history books was untrue," said Mr. Sidorenko's daughter-in-law, Tamara, whose parents were among the millions denounced as "enemies of the state." Arguments over the falsilication of history are one of the main reasons why Tamara, 48, and her daughter, Olga, now have little to do with Dusha. Vasili Sidorenko, Tamara's

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> The other principal source of labor for the construction of the gigantic defense factories, pompous public buildings and squalid apartment blocks of Komsomolsk was the peasantry. Robbed of their land during the collectivization drive of the early '30s, they streamed into the cities in search of work. Paid starvation wages, they were in effect part of the forced labor

> "At public rallies, the Komsomol members kept on boasting that they had built the city," said Fyodor Boltov, 59, who has vivid memories of the terrible winter of 1931-32, when the Bolsheviks threw him and his family out of their house and confiscated their four cows and seven horses. "There was never a word about us. We were nothing but slaves. Komsomolsk was built by prisoners and former peasants, like

The story of Mr. Boltov's family is itself a minor epic, one of the millions of individual stories that make up the tragic tapestry of modern Soviet history. Two of his eight brothers were killed during the first wave of violence against the peasants. Another two died of starvation during the famine that followed the collectivization campaign. Mr. Boltov himself served four years in prison for stealing a handful of grain. His father was arrested as an "enemy of the

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"They promised us a bright, wonderful future," said Mr. Boltov, who bottled up his hatred of the Communist system, keeping his experiences a secret even from his son until just a few years ago. "We waited and waited, but it never came. Later, they wanted me to join the party. But this would have been a betrayal of all those who died. and I refused. How could people like me believe in the ideals of this society when so much force was used against us."

Born in 1945, as Soviet troops were sweeping toward Berlin, Tamara Sidor-enko belongs to what is sometimes referred to as the "lost generation." These are the people who were too young to experience the full force of Stalinism, with its mixture of terror and idealism, but too old to shake themselves free of the Soviet collective

"You can put a cross on our generation. said Tamara, a teacher at a local high school. "We were completely dependent on our parents. They told us what we could do and what we couldn't do. They never told us what happened during the Terror. Even so, we grew up in an atmosphere of fear. We were afraid of everything. It never occurred to us to try to challenge the sys-tem. As far as we were concerned, it was

For the "lost generation," the realization that the Soviet system let them down is a comparatively recent one. It is the result of the campaign of glassost. or openness, launched by the Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev in the late 1980s in his attempt to reinvigorate the country's faltering economy. The scorn for the system is expressed by the Russian slang expression Sovok, which sounds like "Soviet" but means "dustpan" in normal language.

A Sovok is "Soviet Man" - not as the ideologists conceived him, but as he actually turned out. A Sovok is lazy, irresponsible and submissive, the passive receptacle of decades of Soviet propaganda. Outwardly respectful of authority, a Sovok will think nothing of stealing from the state or cheating his neighbor. The Soviet Union may have collapsed, but middle-aged Russians say it is impossible to rid themselves completely of the Sovok mentality.

"I still feel the Sovok psychology, the narrow-mindedness, the lack of freedom, the bitter disappointment, the feeling that life has passed us by, that we have been cheated said Alexander Markov, 42, the editor of Komsomolsk Entrepreneur. "We were convinced that our country was the best place on Earth, that the Americans wanted to bomb us. All this was hammered into us from an early age. We sincerely

If there is a cause for moderate optimism about the future of Russia as it emerges from seven decades of totalitarian rule, it is in the attitudes of the new generation of Russians. Hopes of a swift transition from dictatorship to democracy have been dashed by economic turnoil and ethnic upheavals. It is now clear that real change in Russia will be a generational change.

Their parents and grandparents may feel bitter or nostalgic about the past. But what is most striking about the past. But what is most striking about the new Russians is precisely the absence of nostalgia, the mistrust of great ideas and great experiments. Just as their shattering defeat in World War II inoculated a generation of Germans against the ideas of Hitler's National Societies, self-inflicted accommit director. cialism, self-inflicted economic disaster seems to have persuaded a new generation of Russians to turn its back on utopia.



Cardinal Etchegaray at a news conference in Beijing.

Chinese-Vatican Talks Nearer, Cardinal Says

BELIING — A senior Vati-can official said Wednesday that his visit to China was a sign that the two sides were willing to talk, bolstering speculation that Beijing and the Holy See could be moving to end a 40-

Cardinal Roger Exchegaray, the highest-ranking Vatican official to visit the Communist sports minister, Wu Shaozu, He refused. attended Saturday's opening of the national track and field games in Beijing.

in a statement released Wednesday just before his departure, Cardinal Etchegaray said the visit was "a visible sign of the voluntary dialogue between the People's Republic of China and the Catholic

Although he did not come to regotiate, he said, all the officials he met "expressed the wish to turn the pages of history" and start over.

Cardinal Etchegaray's assesstempt by Beijing to play down could come in early 1995.

the significance of the visit. A Foreign Ministry statement asserted that his trip had been strictly personal and had "nothing to do with the Vatican."

China severed diplomatic relations with the Vatican in the 1950s and formed the government-controlled Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association. Catholics were ordered to renounce the Pope's religious aunation, came to Beijing for four days at the invitation of China's rested and iailed thousands who rested and jailed thousands who

China has consistently demanded that the Vatican sever diplomatic relations with the rival Nationalist government on Taiwan as a condition to restoring official ties.

Last week, the Vatican confirmed rumors of secret contacts between the church and

Cardinal Etchegaray's visit could lead to a thaw in relations and pave the way for a possible visit by the Pope, who said as recently as June that he had a "strong desire" to visit China. There has been talk that he

25 Blacks Are Killed In South Africa Attacks

JOHANNESBURG -- Gunmen shot and killed 25 blacks in three attacks around Johannesburg on Wednesday, one day after South African political leaders agreed on a watershed deal on the transition

to majority rule. Attackers in two minivans pulled up alongside a line of hundreds of commuters in Wadeville, an industrial area east of Johannesburg. The gunnen began firing wildly, leaving 19 people dead and 22 wounded.

Three hours later and a few kilometers away, gunmen standing on a corner fired on a passing black taxi van, killing two people. Earlier in the day, four people were killed in a shootout at a taxi association

meeting in Soweto township.
Police Brigadier T. J. Koeke-moer said all the victims were black and were attacked by several gun-men, also black, who then fled in their vehicles. "This is absolutely senseless," he said. The victims, he said, were from various townships and did not represent any particu-

lar political group or tribe.

Police Major Eugene Opperman said the Wadeville attack was well-

at each end of the parking lot. They were basically cornering the people," he said.

The law and order minister, Hernus Kriel, said, "It is the prevailing culture of violence which provides the seedbed for outrages such as these." He urged the country's two main black rival groups to settle their differences.

Much of the political killing in the last eight years, in which about 17,000 people have died, has been blamed on feuding between the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The attacks followed a landmark agreement reached Tuesday by black and white groups that will end white-minority rule. Political violence has soared as negotiations on reform proceed.

A spokesman for the African National Congress, Carl Niehaus, said the Wadeville raid followed a pattern in which political break-throughs were followed by out-breaks of violence.

"I don't think it's a coincidence at all that this happened the day after agreement was reached on a Transitional Executive Council,"

MANDELA: Foreign Aid Urged

and barring it from international

Mr. Mandela told the businessmen that South Africa's first democratic government would need to build schools, houses and other (a- for lifting remaining sanctions. cilities denied to the black majority under apartheid.

"We can only do that by having massive foreign investment," he But he warned black supporters

that it could take generations to climinate the remnants of apartheid and raise blacks' standard of living to that of whites.

Responding to questions, he said the ANC would promote an open economy with a minimum of restrictions.

would not touch privately owned property, he said, but he did not rule out a wealth tax or nationalization of mines and banks.

"There ought to be no fear on the part of the people who do not own ing to tax the rich is a question that The plan for the council must be approved by Parliament, which is expected to do so next week. That

would meet the ANC's condition

Once approved by Parliament, the council is expected to be established between October and December after negotiators finalize the draft constitution under which

the April elections will be held. Mr. Mandela acknowledged that the call to end sanctions would initially "only be a psychological step," and he called on leading South African businesses to help

encourage investment. "The establishment of the TEC A future ANC government is going to lead to the lifting of sould not touch privately owned sanctions," Mr. Mandels said at a press conference. "But no wise businessman is going to take the risk of investing in the country until the violence is stopped."

Many countries have lifted hans mines, who do not own banks, who on cultural, sports and diplomatic ties and eased financial sanctions.

Mandela said. "Whether we are go
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By Chuck Sudetic

New York Times Service

half-Scrbian son, 3. escaped from the Sarajevo siege in December. "We picked out a duplex, a pair of A-frames connected by garages."

"We want fireplaces for romance in peacetime and for practicality in case of another war." Aida said. "We also want a good basement, sturdy walls and maybe windows the size of envelopes to keep the

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Anja, the daughter of a Croat and a Serb, continued: "There's

enough room for a couple of kids. Well, maybe 10 if we squeezed

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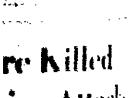
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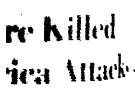
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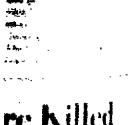
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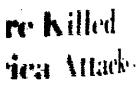
In Bosnia, No Room For a Dream House Nightmare of Ethnic Strife Clouds 2 Women's Fantasy na - This summer, a 30-year-old translator named Aida and her best friend, Anja, 29, a doctor, began leafing through a coffee-table book of model houses and fantasizing "We fantasized about what kind for house we'd build and live in together with our future husbands and children," said Aids, a di-vorced Muslim whose mother and half-Sarking are 2

tican Talk











"Aida was the problem again," she said. "They don't like taking

negrin coast, in the Serbian-domi-

nated rump Yugoslavia

Muslims in Montenegro now."

"Maybe we could put it in Stolac," Anja said, thinking that peace might come to the town from which the Croats have expelled thousands of Muslims over the last two weeks.

"But my boyfriend, Neven, is a Serb on his father's side and a Mus-lim on his mother's," she said with a frown. "No, there's no way we'd make it in Stolac."

"According to Lord Owen, we are nothing at all," Anja said, referring to the co-chairman of the international negotiating tearn that in May abandoned a plan for a multi-cultural, multiethnic Bossian state and recommended a Serbian and Croatian plan for its partition into three ethnic ministates. "We're nei-ther Muslim, nor Croat, nor Serb."

"We want our dream house to be in a neutral republic," Anja said. "We thought the negotiators should come up with a fourth republic where all the normal and

them together. The house has a yard so the children can play and enough room for a big garden and lots of flowers." mixed-marriage people could live."
"A normal person in this situa-tion," Aida said, "is one who has an identity that goes beyond his or her But it was not long, Aida said, before their reveries were brought back to earth. "We had to decide where we'd build it," she said. nationality. Imagine asking people who they are and the only thing they can come up with is 'I'm a Croat' or 'I'm a Serb' or whatever. Imagine, these people were born that way and they haven't made any progress since."
"Now these crazies have their vic," Anja said, referring to a town in a lush valley on the Croatian-Bosnian border. "It's got a wonder-

representatives in Geneva, but the normal people here don't," she

"If my parents had the right to "But the Croats would keep us out," Aida said, "because I'm Musmix 50 years ago, why don't I have the right to do it now?" Anja asked. n."

"Politics is coming right into my
Then Anja proposed the Montemarriage bed and dividing it."

Bosnian to Ask Clinton To Give Serbs Deadline

WASHINGTON — The Bosni- ties. an Muslim president, Alija Lzetbeg-ovic, said Wednesday that he would ask President Bill Clinton to set a deadline for U.S. strikes

Members of a group of about 400 emaciated Muslim prisoners released about 10 days ago told a UN investigator in Japhanica that

the siege of Sarajevo.

"It is high time for the lifting of the siege of Sarajevo," Mr. Izetbegovic said after meeting several members of the U.S. Congress.

"That could be lifted only by air told the UN official that they were

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher later in the day.

The United States should put a Bosnia never gave an order that deadline to the Serbs to remove the artillery around the city," he said. "If they don't do that, then they will have the air strikes." "We need the support of the U.S.," he said.

■ Croats Admit Abuses

Chuck Sudetic of The New York in accordance with international Times reported from Medjugorje, conventions. Bosnian Crout leaders admitted

Wednesday that living conditions in prison camps in which they are detaining thousands of Muslim men of lighting age have been inhu-man, under international law, and that prisoners might have been About 4,000 Muslim men are

still being held in three detention camps near this shrine to the Virgin Mary, said Kresimir Zubak, vice president of the Croatian Defense Council, the main Bosnian Croat

The camps include a helicopter hase just outside Mostar and former Yugoslav Army facilities near Caphina, Mr. Zubac said. UN officials have sharply con-demned the Bosnian Croats for the

against the Serbs if they do not lift they had experienced random

not allowed to wash during their He was to meet Mr. Clinton and two-month incarceration.

> atian Republic of Herzegovinathese people be mistreated." Mr. Zubac said, referring to the self-styled republic established by the Bosnian Croats on territory under their control. "We don't exclude the possibility that irresponsible people exceeded their authority and committed acts that were not

The government will take criminal legal action against these indi-

Mr. Zubac said the government had decided to ensure that international conventions on the treatment of war prisoners would be strictly observed. "The detention centers in which war prisoners are being kept will be brought into line with the Geneva Convention," he

He also suggested that the gov-ernment would lift its blockade of international humanitarian aid

This would allow the United Nations and other organizations to deliver food, fuel and other supplies to besieged Sarajevo and other hard-pressed areas in central

Amid Gunfire, a Mayor Retakes Post in Haiti

The Assistance Press PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -Ignoring gunfire and a rampage by hocellums, the capital's elected mayor reclaimed City Hall on Wednesday in a test of Haiti's frag-

ile return to democracy.

A government official said a bystander had been killed and the mformation minister had been injured in violence outside the huild-

. Mayor Evans Paul was accompanied he the new prime minister, Robert Malval, cabinet ministers, diplomats and journalists when he walked up the steps of the two-story seasate building that he ran until a military coup in 1991.

 Twenty minutes earlier, the police had cleared the building of hestile city winkers and plainehithes officers who had occupied it since Mr Malval's government was installed Thursday under a UN-mediated plan to restore democracy. Hundreds of bystanders applanded the monurade carrying Mr Malval and Mr. Paul, both supporters of the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Haiti's first free-

h elected president, exiled by the coup. He is to return to power Oct. 30 under the UN plan. Next the end of a motorcade, the police tried to pull a man from a car. The man was roughed up and brean running. Shows rang out, and men carrying stacks began heating hystanders and rampaging through the neighborhood. As the shots continued, Haitian officials reclaimed Mr. Paul's of-

Well, we have fireworks," Mr. Malval quipped, and then added: "Republican order will be de-

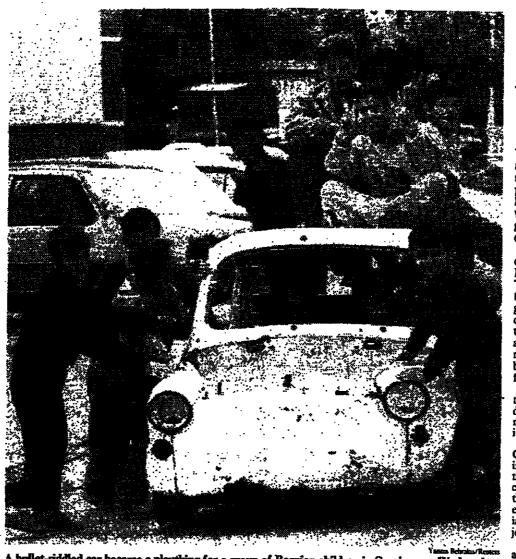
Mr. Paul, who went into hiding after the coup, said Father Aristide's opponents had threatened him. Many rank-and-file soldiers strongly oppose Father Aristide's

The Haitian officials were accompanied by Vicki Huddleston, deputy chief of the U.S. mission, and two American soldiers. As they left the building a half-hour later, a hody lay on the street. Mr. Malval's congressional liaison said the man had been killed.

DEATH NOTICE

FISTERE, Isobel Strong, 87, of London, formerly of New York, Westport, Connecticut and Beirut; on August 26th, peacefully at home. Wife of the inte John C. Fistere, mother of Susan Hunter Griggs of London and Stepmother of John C.

Fistere Ir of El Cajon, California. There will be a memorial service in the US for Isobel and John next spring.



A bullet-riddled car became a plaything for a group of Bosnian children in Sarajevo on Wednesday.

U.S. Envoy at the UN Upbraids Allies Over Silence on Bosnia

By Julia Preston

UNITED NATIONS. New York - After making an emotional plea to the Security Council for support in peace talks, Bosnia's president was met with a cool sience from the European powers, which provoked the chief U.S. delegate into an unusual public show of

The mute reaction of 14 of the 15 rine interestion of 14 of the 15 or council members to the appeal by President Alija Izetbegovic on Tuesday brought into sharp focus the plight of Bosnia's Muslim-led government, which has had to rely on the United Nations for help throughout 17 months of lighting spaces. When the council mainter appeal into a rare silence. With no further speakers, the meeting abruptly adjourned.

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It also provided a new glimpse of the deep uneasiness and underlying differences over Bosnia-Herzegovi-na between the United States and

its European allies and Russia.
Addressing the 15 Security
Council nations in a closed meeting, Mr. Izetbegovic made no ambitious new requests but asked the council to enforce its own resolutions that threaten to use force to ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid and to lift the siege of Saraievo, diplomats said He colored his plea with stories

about Sarajevo children who have

because of the continuing siege by was more explicit. "If you want to

After Mr. Izetbegovic spoke, the U.S. delegate, Madeleine K. Albright, reiterated the U.S. call for Bosnia's Serbian and Croatian fac- govic's presentation seemed unspenons to yield more territory to the Muslims in the Geneva negotiations over partitioning the republic. The talks were suspended last

Then the council chamber lapsed

stunned. Why didn't you say any-

Then she approached the French delegate, Jean-Bernard Merimee, and the other envoys from council powers to demand an explanation.

Given the endless amount of verbiage that goes on around here all the time," Mrs. Albright said later, "I was surprised that people didn't say anything to him." "It was just sad," she added.

Mr. Izetbegovic, who was to meet with President Bill Clinton at the White House later on Wednesday, asked in veiled language for the United States and its allies to use air power to lift the siege of Sarajevo before the Muslims return to the negotiating table.

His vice president, Ejup Ganic.

his line of argument." European diplomats said they believed the real purpose of Mr. Izetbegovic's visit to the United States was to see Mr. Clinton, so they were not called upon to re-

> ■ Expulsion Bid by Croatia Croatia will ask the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to expel the Serbian-led rump state of Yugoslavia, Reuters reported Wednesday from Geneva, quoting the Croatian foreign minister, Mate

speed up the talks, one should take

a few air strikes," Mr. Ganic said.

no comments because Mr. Izetbe-

"I'm puzzled," Mr. Hannay said.
"It was rather difficult to discern

Mr. Hannay said he had made

"I shall propose the expulsion of Yugoslavia from the CSCE at a session in Vienna on Thursday, and we will also make the proposal for its expulsion from the United Nations later in New York." Mr. Granic said.

He spoke at the end of a symposium on security in central Europe, organized by the Austrian Foreign Minister, Alois Mock, and attended by foreign and defense ministers from former Communist East-bloc

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No Apology Is Required

United States owes China an apology in the Yinhe affair and perhaps compensation as well. But the Chinese government is wrong. The diversion and inspection of the ship Yinhe are an example of the way a vigilant arms control system ought to work - and the way that it will routinely work when the Chemical Weapons Convention goes into effect. That will not happen for at least another 16 months, but the challenge of the Yinhe has set a valuable early precedent that serves the purposes of all nations including China if, as it says, it genu-

inely supports the ban on poison gas. The Yinhe is the vessel that, through the late summer, slowly made its way from China toward Iran under a gathering cloud of suspicion that it was carrying ingredients of chemical weapons. In response to severe pressure from the United States, the Chinese government grudgingly halted the ship in the Gulf before it docked and sent it to a Saudi port for inspection by a joint Chinese-Saudi team. The inspectors announced on Saturday that they had found nothing. Quite possibly the ship was innocent from the beginning. Or perhaps the incriminating chemicals were dumped overboard during that long voyage. In either case the world is assured that a dangerous cargo will not be delivered to Iran, and that

Under the Chemical Weapons Convention, now signed by some 145 governments. any country can request an inspection of any facility — a ship, a chemical plant, a military depot — in any other country. The challenged facility has to be opened to the in-spectors within five days, considerably less than China took to comply with the chal-lenge to the Yinhe. It is by far the most drastic verification process yet written into any arms control treaty.

The enormous stocks of poison gas discovered in Iraq after the Gulf War were more than sufficient evidence that the world needs to enforce the prohibitions against this weapon that has been called the poor man's nuclear bomb - deadly, indiscriminate and most effective against civilian populations.

As a practical matter, the convention will not be fully operative until the United States joins it. The Senate has to ratify it, and both houses of Congress have to pass enabling legislation. That needs to be completed by mid-1994 if the convention is to take effect as planned in early 1995. The Clinton administration says it will send the legislation to Congress shortly. There is no time to be lost if incidents like the inspection of the Yinhe are to be transformed from ugly diplomatic collisions into normal international law enforcement. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

One 'Peace' Not to Keep

President Bill Clinton had said that the United States would send American forces to help keep a peace reached by the parties in Bosnia. But the agreement now emerging from international mediation makes you hang your head. It rewards Serbian and Croatian "ethnic cleansing," condones the alteration of borders by force, inflicts further humiliation upon the Muslims and assures continuing conflict. Little wonder that Mr. Clinton is now hedging, saying that an agreement must be fair, enforceable and "fully embraced" by the Muslim-led government. The Geneva proposals meet none of these standards.

It follows that the United States has no good reason to join in keeping this particular "peace." Even some of the very Europeans who are promoting the Geneva terms are edging back from the extra commitment that it will take to enforce them.

To deny a United Nations-made agreement the funds and troops to put it into effect would be a sharp blow both to the world organization and to the general cause of "multilateralism" as practiced by the Clinton administration. But there is a salutary lesson to be learned at the same time. The United Nations should not be treated as a doorstep on which unwanted babies are left at night. It needs to be treated with respect - to be assigned missions that its

members mean to be worked at and solved, not simply pushed away and evaded. Bosnia is not the only place that is paying a heavy price for the escapism that results from a superficial dalliance with post-Cold War internationalism.

It is better to face the fact now.

To some who mourn for Bosnia, it is enough simply to avoid the taint of association with a flawed peace by pulling out of peacekeeping. More responsibly, others go on to accept a requirement for an alternative policy. Various versions of arming Muslims and striking at Serbs are posited not so much to restore the now vanished dream of a unitary multiethnic Bosnia as to afford Muslims a better break at the negotiating table. The military option has its logic and appeal, and perhaps it will come to that if the requisite operational effectiveness and political support are better demonstrated.

Meanwhile, economic sanctions are the bird in hand. Serbia, the principal offender, is under punishing embargo and needs to be persuaded that it will remain so until some semblance of justice is achieved. Croatia, secondary offender against Muslims in Bosnia even while Bosnian Croats are themselves under Muslim siege, needs to be told that it is inviting embargo, too.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

The Latest Reinvention

One potentially big difference between the new plan to streamline the federal government and its failed antecedents is that President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore have pledged their continuing personal involvement. This is no guarantee that "re-inventing government" will ever come to pass.

but accountability can't hurt. cynical about the 11th major study on government reorganization since Theodore Roosevelt. In 1984, for example, a private-sector panel headed by J. Peter Grace, a New York industrialist, made 2,478 recommendations to cut waste, fraud and abuse and save the taxpayers \$424 billion. Most of those ideas are now covered with a decade's worth of dust.

The Clinton administration's more modest objective is to save \$108 billion over five years by cutting the civil service by 12 percent (roughly 250,000 people), by trimming some government agencies and by inviting the private sector to compete for business now run by the government.

The plan reflects good, common sense, it would cut bloated agricultural subsidies and pare the vast regional empires of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Departments of Agriculture and Housing and Urban Development. To achieve longer-term efficiencies. it would merge the law enforcement functions of the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Agency and set service standards with clear appeal, like faster IRS refunds. Correctly executed.

the plan could become a political weapon for Democrats trying to redefine themselves as the party that makes government work. But there is an obligation not to replace

imperfect systems with worse ones. Some of Mr. Gore's ideas — letting companies partially police themselves for health and safety, privatizing government functions like air traffic con-

Mr. Gore calculates that about one-third of the report's 800 recommendations can be accomplished by a stroke of the presidential pen. The rest will require some degree of ngressional consent.

The administration feels that it has several things going for it, not least that Mr. Clinton is a Democrat. Much as it was easier for Richard Nixon to breach the wall to China, so proposals for government reform may seem more credible coming from someone who believes in government. Without the slightest trace of irony, the administration also counts on help from Americans who have no real use for government and will therefore cheer any

effort to cut it down to size.
Yet nothing will help Bill Clinton as much as Bill Clinton himself. Quick executive orders would help demonstrate his sincerity. Even more important will be the sustained application of presidential power and prestige in Congress. Without that, he will have no more luck than his predecessors in overcoming those who like government as it is.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

The Genie in China's Bottle

General Secretary Jiang Zemin was livid when his speech [to the 14th National Congress of the Communist Party, in October] was leaked and published in the Hongkong Express a week before he delivered it. The party chieftain has taken his wrath out on a junior Chinese editor, Wu Shishen, for leaking the text. Mr. Wu was tried and convicted in secret of "selling state secrets overseas," then his sentence of 10 years was upped to life imprisonment at Mr. Jiang's insistence. So much for the rule of law.

Now, governments need confidentiality. But

Mr. Jiang is head of the party, not of the government. No one reading his speech could confuse it with a genuine state secret. Indeed, Mr. Jiang delivered it on television a week after the Express printed it. A life sentence hardly serves the "more open China" image that Bei-

jing is pushing in its Olympics campaign.

The best hope for China's continued reform and economic progress is the transparency that a freer flow of information would provide. There may be bruised egos along the way. But a China that wants to remain in world markets should let the information genie out of the bottle.

Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong).



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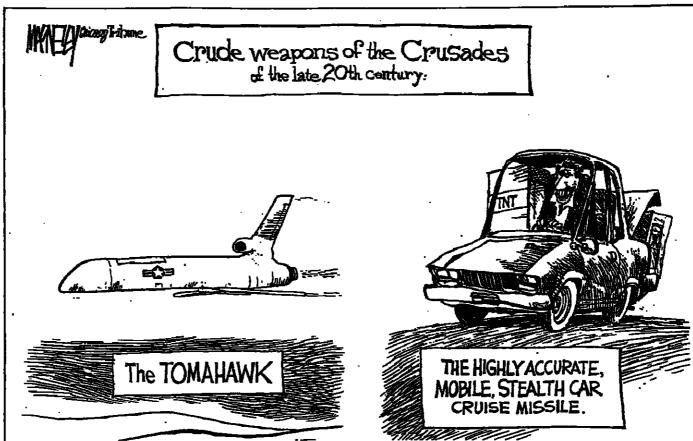
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Wake Up to This Dirty War on Arab Intellectuals

PARIS — Alongside justifiable outrage against the Iranian death sentence pronounced on the writer Salman Rushdie, there has been a deafening silence in response to the dirty new war on Arab intellectuals. It is a more serious threat to hopes for a liberal, peaceable world than the bombing in New York, and there have al-

ready been more people killed.

Mr. Rushdie has been made the symbol of the

This is a formula for a new world conflict. Arab intellectuals are the first victims.

right to free expression of writers everywhere. All those who support this cause owe it in conscience to speak out against the campaign to silence think-ers who oppose militant fundamentalism.

This is more important now that the prospect of an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement, perhaps

By Flora Lewis

peace between Israel and all bordering states, will

sharpen internal Islamic conflicts.

So far, Algerians have been hit hardest, but there are already shocking examples in Egypt and Tur-key. People have not been just menaced but murdered, in front of their homes, in front of their families, for the express purpose of terrifying other journalists and writers into silence.

There are many individuals struggling to inspire their Arab societies in the direction of established democracy. This is not a battle between fundamen-talism and the West. These people are arguing for

universal values in their compatriots' interest.

There is a clear pattern of attack, broadening the fundamentalists' battle against the police and state to unprotected purveyors of information. Since mid-May in Algeria, three of five assassination attacts to experience to the control of th tion attempts against journalists have succeeded. And on June 22, Mohammed Boukhobza, a professor of sociology, had his throat slit in his home by five fundamentalists who tied up his daughter and forced her to watch

In Egypt, Farag Fodah, a writer, was gunned down last year. At the trial of the militants charged with the murder, Sheikh Mohammed Ghozali, reputedly a moderate scholar, testified for the defense. He said: "A secularist represents a danger to society and the nation that must be eliminated. It is

the duty of the government to kill him."

Naguib Mahfouz, the Nobel prize-winning novelist, has been put at the top of an Islamic group's death list, along with dozens of other intellectuals called "enemies of Islam."

A Cairo University professor, denied a doctorate because his thesis on linguistics was said to question Islamic values, was sued for divorce, not by his wife but by a fundamentalist lawyer claiming that a good Muslim woman could not be married to him. some recent years, Saudi Arabia has spent up to \$20 billion for armaments

This is a formula for a new world conflict. The Arab intellectuals are the first victims. They will not be the last if the rest of us fail to campaign noisily in their defense.

The New York Times.

Another Despotic Creed Seeks to Infiltrate the West

By George F. Will

LONDON — Muslim fundamen-talism is fast becoming the chief threat to global peace and security as well as a cause of national and local disturbance through terrorism. It is akin to the menace posed by Nazism and fascism in the 1930s and then by communism in the '50s.

The Soviet Union and China not only wielded great military might af-ter World War II, but also had Communist Party branches in the universities and towns of the democratic states, which enabled them to acquire political influence at a high level.

Orders in February 1989 from the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in Iran to Muslims throughout the world to assassinate Salman Rushdie surprisingly provided the catalyst for an Islamic revival. In Britain alone, more than 20,000 educated middleand upper-class people have convert-ed to Islam since that time, including a former head boy of Eton.

Many keep their conversions secret

WASHINGTON — Ninety-nine

W years have passed since Theo-dor Herzl, appalled by anti-Semi-

tism during the Dreyfus trial, ener-

gized the Zionist movement that produced the Jewish state. Now it

suddenly seems probable that there

soon will be a second Palestinian

state, of sorts. What sort? On the

answer to that question the survival

or Israel depends.

Jordan is geographically, historically and ethnically a Palestinian state. Like the other 20 nations of the

Arab world, Jordan never expressed

even the slightest interest in the establishment of another Palestinian

state on the West Bank - until Jor-

dan's 1967 aggression against Israel cost Jordan that land.

However, the cynicism of the sub-

of Israel depends.

By Clare Hollingworth pious submission to the Word of God" as provided by the Koran.

The British converts generally join moderate, gentle and mystic Sufism. This is meant to provide security and screnity on earth as well as the prospect of a blissful life thereafter.

It is not easy to understand why these men and women, brought up in a democracy, should embrace a faith whose laws can be interpreted to require the stoning to death of women who commit adultery and the flog-ging of men, or chopping off the hand of a thief. (One commonly sees crip-ples in the towns of Saudi Arabia.)

Converts suggest that they em-braced Islam in reaction to the crass materialism of Western civilization. They continue to accept their country's law, yet they admit an allegiance

to a foreign creed.

Freedom of religion must obviously be maintained. But it is now imporfor business or family reasons, but tant for the democratic countries to assume an Islamic name and agree to refuse to subsidize Muslim schools

sequent clamor for such a state is now

irrelevant. Israel, by direct and public

negotiations with the Palestine Liber-

ation Organization, has played a card that cannot be unplayed. There shall be a PLO-dominated state carved

Israel is attempting to trade land for peace. The trouble with such

trades is this asymmetry: Israel

yields something tangible and gets only promises that might prove as

Munich, that he had made his last

Today, while watching the PLO's

grudging disavowal of its rhetoric about the annihilation of Israel, re-call 1988. Then, yielding to U.S. pres-

scent as Hitler's promise, after

into Israel's back.

territorial demand.

whose teachings are based on funda-mentalist readings of the Koran. There are as yet no known cases of

Western converts to Islam serving Allah as spies or informants in the manner of such converts to communism such as Guy Burgess and Kim Philby. But Christians living in Islamic countries are subject to the laws of the Koran —hence the recent

Rogging of an Anglican bishop in Sudan for alleged adultery.

Today national Islamic fervor is not only to be seen in Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, but has increased dramatically in Egypt and across North Africa. Á decade ago, apart from a show of prayer and fasting at the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan, it was unusual for more than a few dozen men to appear at Friday prayers in most mosques. Today rich Muslims are building mosques in the secular states of Turkey and in many of the

towns of Tunis, Algeria and Morocco.

upsurge in central Asia among the minorities — especially the Uighurs — on both sides of the border between the former Soviet Union and China, which is causing some con-

King Hassan II of Morocco, who is not yet threatened by fundamentalism although it is moving in his direc-tion, has built a mosque in which he will be buried. It cost more than \$500 million dollars and holds 25,000 people in the Prayer Hall, as against 2,000 in St. Paul's Cathedral and 2,500 in Notre Dame. An elevator carries the faithful to a height of 700 feet, where a laser beam points in the direction of Mecca. For the Koran claims that "he who constructs a Mosque for Him, the most high, will build a house in paradise."

from the Western world, but it is increasingly important that the mem-bers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization sit up and pay attention to aggressive Islamic trends.

The New York Times.

tion levels would be far higher than they actually are today). Further declines in oil prices, along with political stability in the Gulf, Israel Will Be Gambling on a Miracle in Palestine

might encourage expanded oil consumption and production, but Mr. Hartshorn finds these unlikely. On the other hand, environmental concerns and new fuel taxes (such as

The Money

Won't Rain

On Arafat

By John C. Gault

and John K. Cooley

carry an immense price tag for the economic rebuilding of the West

Bank and Gaza — upward of \$2 billion annually for the "first few

years, according to one of Yassers, Arafat's top advisers here.

Debt-weary Americans and their European and Asian counterparts

hope that oil-rich Arab states can as-

same most of this burden. But few experts outside the Middle East seem

Just to pay outstanding salaries and

resuscitate the worldwide charities.

diplomatic missions and banking

firms associated with the PLO would

firms associated with the PLO would probably cost more than \$100 million. This is roughly the amount the Scandinavian states have pledged. But anyone who has studied the progressive impoverishment of the West Bank and Gaza under Israeli rule since 1967

(preceded, in Gaza's case, by the para-

knows this is small change.

Mr. Arafat hopes that Arab oil states will reopen cash registers closed to the PLO after its equivocal for

After all, note PLO officials, Arabs

still control about two-thirds of the

world's proven oil reserves. Arabian

Peninsula oil is still the cheapest in

the world to produce. Shouldn't this

be good news for peace-hungry peo-

ple in need of funding?

The trouble is, things haven't been going that well for the oil-producing countries. The once overflowing cod-

fers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and

other Gulf states are seriously deplet-

ed. For nearly a decade, for example.

the Saudi government has been run-

ning budget deficits and, especially since the Gulf War, borrowing funds, domestically and internationally. In

alone, not to mention vast expendi-

tures on infrastructure and enormous

Although the economies of the Arab Gulf states and Iran remain

utterly oil-dependent, there is posi-

tive news, at least from their perspec-

tive. Recent forecasts by the Interna-tional Energy Agency, the U.S.

Energy Department and OPEC fore-

see global oil consumption rising

from around 67 million barrels per

day this year to somewhere between 76 million and 86 million by 2010.

come from the big Arab producers.

So most industrialized countries

should expect to become more, not

less, dependent on Gulf crude, ac-

Not everyone agrees, however. A leading petroleum expert, J. E. Hartshorn, suggests that the best days for

big oil have passed. In a new book, "Oil Trade: Politics and Prospects,"

he says that world oil production may

cal findings from the 1950s, when an

American, M. King Hubbert, correct-

ly predicted that U.S. domestic oil

Hubbert also forecast that global

production would peak in the mid-90s (though he believed that produc-

production would peak in 1970. Mr. A

Mr. Hartshorn draws on geophysi-

be nearing an all-time plateau.

cording to these forecasts.

Most of the additional oil sold will

subsidies for desert agriculture.

stand in the Gulf War.

to have understood its magnitude.

UNIS — The daring Palestin-

ian-Israeli interim accords will

those sought by President Bill Clinton, as well as others under discussion in the European Community) could depress oil growth.

The Saudis and their OPEC part-

ners, according to Mr. Hartshorn and other analysts, have vainly sought an oil price low enough to keep demand growing and slow investment in competing energy sources, but high enough to support them in their accustomed style. Far-sighted Palestinians know that these opposing goals cannot be further amended to aid the birth of their hoped-for state.

The success of the Palestinian-Israeli peace — as well as of expected accords with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon - cannot depend solely upon subsidies from the major oil-produc-ing countries. Middle East peace must hinge, instead, upon a coordinated global funding effort.

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An Enormous Risk for Israel

G IVEN that the Palestinians are by far the weakest of all parties to Arab-Israeli conflict, the Israel-PLO deal is extraordinarily generous to them. It is commensurately danger-ous for Israel. Israel is gambling its national security on PLO sincerity.

It is gambling that after decades of unremitting duplicity. of factionalism and terrorism and war against the very idea of a Jewish state, the PLO has finally donned statesmen's suits and committed itself to live in a peace with Israel that it will honor.

I wish I could believe it. I am not encouraged by the stupefying degree to which the PLO continues to be grudging about simple, unambiguous recognition of Israel's right to exist. Instead, PLO officials reiterate old formulations that are as tepid as they are calculated. Bassam Abu Sharif, senior aide to Yasser Arafat, concedes that the PLO Covenant - the Palestinian constitution that declares the creation of Israel "null and void" and pledges its destruction - has been

superseded." How broad-minded. If in return for giving the West Bank to the Palestinians, Israel's Labor government cannot extract an unminced recognition of Israel's legitimacy, then it is a government hardly to be trusted with ensuring Israel's security in the difficult nego-

tiations to follow. Yet, assume that Mr. Arafat utters the magic words. He is today at a moment of extreme weakness - facing financial bankruptcy and dramatic loss of authority among his own peo-ple. Will he stick by the magic words tomorrow, when he is flush with hundreds of millions of aid dollars and set up in his new territorial base (with itsown police) at Israel's doorstep?

There is one other danger: that the PLO does not emerge from its terminal weakness — that Mr. Arafat cannot control the Islamic fundamentalists who are on the rise in the West Bank and Gaza. He may make all kinds of promises today about keeping order and preventing terrorism and coexisting with the Israelis. Even if he is sincere, he may turn out to be pow-erless. The Middle East scholar Daniel-Pipes asks: "Can the PLO deliver in its time of weakness? And will it want to deliver in its time of strength?"

The Israelis, who for 45 years have had their existence threatened in war after war with the Arabs, deserve some deference from their friends abroad in trying to resolve their security dilemmas. But their friends are worried. By giving up tangibles in exchange for promises, Israel is taking an enormous risk.

Hungry for peace, Israel is putting its existence on the line. Israel's offer to the Palestinians deserves credit for generosity. Its wisdom, however, has yet to be determined.

- Charles Krauthammer, writing in The Washington Post. sure to disavow terrorism, the PLO insisted that it had never done what it was disavowing - that what some called terrorism was legitimate resistance to Israeli aggression.

Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, is a clever man who, now that Israel is doing what he has long fa-vored, trading strategically signifi-cant land for liars' promises of peace, denies that Israel is really doing that. He asserts that the coming agreement concerns "not how to arrange the distribution of land, but how really to arrange the relations of people." Such cleverness is not conducive to

confidence among Israel's friends, who know that Israel is ceding control of the West Bank.

Before the 1967 war, Israel was 10 miles (16 kilometers) wide at its waist. Today it is 40 miles wide. Asked if Israel will again be 10 miles wide, Mr. Peres says: It "will remain the same 40 miles wide strategically because all the land we may give back in the future must remain demilita-rized. Let's distinguish between ownine land, cultivating land, and having land for strategic purposes ...
"For the duration of the autonomy

period there will be, shall I say, division of labor when it comes to de-fense. The Palestinians will police their own life, their own community; Israel will remain responsible for the security of Israel and for the security of the Israelis in the territories."

But what comes after the autonomy period, which will be but a blink of history? For how long will a Palestinian state fathered by the PLO accept restrictions on its sovereignty regarding the acquisition of military assets and allies? Israel lives in a bad neighborhood

which has been inhospitable since Jewish immigration into sparsely populated Palestine accelerated after the Russian pogroms of 1881. Israel's government believes that the neighborhood may become much worse unless something is done to slow the spread of Islamic fundamentalism. The government considers this a propitious moment for using the PLO to trigger peace agreements with Jordan and Syria that will dampen fundamentalist fires.

But will the 22d Arab state be the first Arab democracy? It is more likely to become a canidron of funda-mentalism next door to Tel Aviv.

During the Cold War, wise people warned about an asymmetry: Ameri-ca wanted to end the game, the Soviet Union wanted to win it. America won it because the Soviet Union's resolve collapsed as its material strength crumbled. Perhaps something similar has happened to the PLO. Certainly the region has been improved by the disintegration of the Soviet Union, which, in its role as the focus of evil in the modern world, was the arsenal of those for whom the Holocaust is a continuing aspiration.

Palestinians have had execrable

leaders. They supported the Ottoman Empire during World War I, Hitler during World War II, the Soviet Union during the Cold War. The PLO's Yasser Arafat and King Husein of Jordan supported Iraq during the Gulf War. Now Israel is betting its life on

this: A Palestinian state established by the PLO will have leaders willing to live, for as long as Israel's security requires it, with restrictions on its sovereignty that no other nation accepts. Some say this amounts to counting on a miracle. Others say there is precedent for miracles in Palestine. It is a risky reliance.

Washington Post Writers Group.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Leopold's Mystery BRUSSELS - Somewhat startling

news transpires to-day [Sept. 8]. It is announced that King Leopold has handed to his Ministers, to be deposited in the archives with the new Constitution, a sealed letter to be opened only after his death. There are many surmises as to its contents. One is that the King disapproves of some portions of the Constitution, or that he wishes to bequeath some advice as to future changes in the constitution, or that he expresses regret at not having obtained the referendum system. The truth can only be known when the Sovereign disappears.

1918: 'Spiteful' Allies

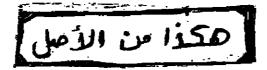
AMSTERDAM — A telegram from Wilhelmshöhe reports that the German Emperor yesterday [Sept. 7] en-tertained Colonel Skoropadski of Ukraine at a banquet at which he made a characteristically lengthy speech: This war has been imposed

on the world by the machinations of the Entente, which is continuing it with criminal, spiteful madness, in spite of the recognized impossibility of realizing its aims of domination."

1943: Orders to Italians CAIRO - [From our New York edi-

tion:] General Sir Henry Maitland

Wilson, Allied commander in chief in the Middle East, ordered the surrendered Italian Army tonight [Sept. 8] to take by force all points in the Dodecanese Islands, between Turkey and Greece, which are in German hands. In a special order, broadcast repeatedly in Italian, General Wilson said: "Italian troops in the Balkans must not obey German orders. They must obey my orders. An armistice has been signed by your government. The war twist Italy and the Allies is ended. All acts of hostility toward the peoples in whose countries you find yourselves will cease forthwith. The strictest discipline will be maintained throughout all units."



Talk at the Kitchen Table Is of Declining Paychecks

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — For years, the operating Labor Day slogan in the United States has not been "Workers of the world, unite!" but "Workers of the world, go fishing!" (or swimming or boating or to a baseball game or anuthing you most).

anything you want). Lots of people did that sort of thing on Monday, and the sheer normality of it all is something that the United States has long boasted about. The idea has always been that things were so good for wage earners in the United States that they vicould afford to worry about fishing and

Fantastic progress in technology has brought us back to one of the oldest questions of political and economic life: What shall be the rewards for labor?

baseball and not be distracted by such matters as solidarity or class warfare.

The collapse of state socialism in Eastern Europe only deepened Americans' self-confidence. Marx's promise that workers would be free to hunt in the

morning, fish in the afternoon and criti-cize in the evening would, it seemed, be fulfilled — by capitalism. So what was surprising about the La-bor Day celebrations this year was the extent to which they were carried out in an atmosphere of quiet anxiety, not boisterous self-congratulation, a mood more

of disquiet than of alarm, mixing faith and doubt in roughly equal measures.

Few, for example, question the ability of the American economic system to create wealth, encourage inventiveness or transform itself by fostering innovation. It is still possible under this system to go from rags to riches, and millions of

immigrants are willing to brave all sorts of perils to get their shot at doing so. What is being called into question around the kitchen tables of the country is the economy's ability to deliver jobs with reasonable pay to the vast majority who do not want to live in rags and do

NAFTA Scare Tactics

ROSS PEROT, in a vehement little book written with Pat Choate, contends that NAFTA will mean downward pressure on employment and wages, pitting one American against another.

That sounds scary. It is a good thing it is wrong.

Americans have had experience with high, and low-

competition between high- and lowwage regions within the country. Two generations ago, average income per capita was four times as high in New York state as it was in the poorest of the Southern states, then South Carolina and Mississippi. (Today, average income is about nine times as high in the United States as in Mexico.)

According to the Perot theory, there should have been social chaos in the North and a steady decline of wages. In reality, wages rose in both regions faster in the South, but substantially in the North as well.

Mr. Perot and Mr. Choate claim that NAFTA will turn Mexico into a "platform" that Japan, Europe and (groan of horror) China can exploit to route their exports into the United States. The argument is that they would bring in their own manufactured goods for final assembly in Mexico before pushing them over the border as Mexican.

In fact under NAFTA it would get harder, not easier, for third countries to use that strategy.

- J. W. Anderson, The Washington Post.

shall be the rewards for labor? The economy has unquestionably shifted the balance of power between capital and labor in capital's direction. The catalogue of labor's problems is familiar, the largest being that the global economy makes it easier for company managers to move jobs and capital from country to country, often in search of lower wages and cheaper benefits. In addition, new technologies enable entrepre-

neurs to do far more with fewer workers. One can see the decline of labor most starkly in the steady drop in the union-ized share of the work force: from roughly one worker in three in the '50s to about one in seven now. Organized labor's decline in the private economy is actually steeper than this; such union gains as there were came mainly among

government workers. Real wages have been stagnating since 1973. Many families have defended their standard of living by working more. Wives and mothers entered the work force in large numbers. Many did so from a desire for independence and fulfillment, but many others felt that they had no choice but to add another pay-

check to the family till What makes the current economic situation so strange is that the transformations are happening slowly. The anxiety of 1993 is not the catastrophe of 1933. There are many winners in the new economy, especially people with high levels of education and specialized skills. Many workers manage to shift into the many workers manage to shift into the winners' circle by upgrading their skills, by going back to school, by starting their own businesses. There is also the prom-ise that the combination of productivity increases and the coming decline in the number of new workers entering the labor force will continue to cut unem-

ployment and boost wages.
The Clinton administration's economic policy is built around a certain optimism. It is premised on the idea that America is a nation of strivers who are ready to seize new opportunities if only government, in cooperation with business, creates the right training and edu-

cation opportunities.

This relative optimism explains the split between Bill Clinton and most of his party on the North American Free Trade Agreement. Mr. Clinton and Labor Secretary Robert Reich believe that some of the manufacturing jobs that the country is losing will go abroad in any event. NAFTA will at least help Mexico to grow. The challenge, as Mr. Clinton and Mr. Reich see it, is not to save old jobs but to produce new ones based on

Mr. Clinton's problem is that many in the Democratic Party, in the labor move-ment and in Ross Perot's constituency do not see all that much money around for the new training and education programs that Mr. Clinton so loves to tout. Underlying their opposition to NAFTA is the erosion of confidence in the economic system produced by two decades of middle-class stagnation. The slogan of NAFTA opponents might well be: "Stop

Labor Day has always been about the dignity of everyone's labor. The economy's purpose in a democratic country is not only to produce more wealth, but to do so in a way that honors the dignity of work by providing those who do it with reasonable incomes and a modicum of security. This is not a radical goal. But if it is not met, the hunters and fishermen and baseball fans in the great middle class will find radical answers increas-

the global economy, I want to get off."

ingly appealing. The Washington Post,



They Struggle On, the Dream Dying Fast

N EW YORK — America celebrated Labor Day as usual on Monday. but there was actually little to celebrat The bad news about employment just keeps on coming. The government re-ported last week that the number of

payroll jobs fell by 39,000 in August, the first net drop in more than a year.

At the same time the Economic Policy
Institute, a Washington research group, issued a report that said real wages con-

tinued to sink and the quality of existing

iobs continued to deteriorate. that counsels out-of-work executives, retionwide since Jan. 1. That represents 20 percent more layoffs in the first eight recession," the firm said.

The problems cited in the Economic jobs, at least in the short run. Policy Institute's report were found Lawrence Mishel was a co-author of across the board, in all education groups the Policy Institute study. In an interand all classes. Janitors are struggling, and so are chief executive officers. In the United States, employment is

the cornerstone of everything else. It is the concrete reality that sustains the glorious myth of the American Dream.

Take away the job and you take away the dream. Right now an awful lot of dreams are vanishing.

The recession was supposed to have ended in 1991, but the Policy Institute study says: There have been broadbased wage reductions during the recovery, including severe wage declines for both blue- and white-collar men and for both high school and college-educated workers." The study confirms findings that "an unprecedented number of the new jobs created in the recovery have been either temporary or part-time," and that "well over 60 percent of the new jobs created between January and July 1993

were part-time jobs." poor and is putting a tremendous squeeze on the middle class. But so far it has provoked no sense of urgency in Machineter Mathematical Washington. Neither the president nor Congress has acted as if this were some-thing that needed attention fast.

By Bob Herbert

would go a long way toward solving the problem. That was nonsense.

Now there are reports that Clinton administration aides are taking a look at

is as if a new baseball manager turned to his predecessor and asked, "O.K., how Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a firm do I get this team out of the cellar?" while, Vice President Al Gore's ported on Tuesday that more than proposal for restructuring the govern-400,000 layoffs had been announced nament would more than double the 100,000 federal jobs already targeted for elimination. And we are told that the months of this year than in the first nine North American Free Trade Agreement months of 1991, "at the height of the would cost jobs, at least in the short run; and that health care reform would cost

Lawrence Mishel was a co-author of

view he said: "The most depressing part about my research is that if you look at the [real] wages of just about every edu-

cation group over the last 20 years among men — college graduates, two years of college, high school graduates, dropouts — the wages are down."

The fall in wages has been more precipious among non-college educated. cipitous among non-college-educated workers. Women have achieved some wage growth but the growth is concen-trated among those with college or graduate degrees. Overall, the wage of the average college graduate has fallen by 1 percent since early 1992. More dreams

are about to vanish The only reason the male wage just hasn't plummeted tremendously on average is that more people are educated,"
Mr. Mishel said. "So education is almost like inoculating us against a just horrific decline. It's sort of like everybody is on a down escalator and we're busy getting more educated so as not to fall as fast. The New York Times.

Where Football Is Still King And Friday Nights Live On

By Jim Hoagland

R OCK HILL South Carolina - Not the drama of secret Middle East diplomacy nor the complexity of health care reform, not even the intensity of the Atlanta Braves' stretch drive, occupies the spirit and attention of this small Carolina Piedmont town in these final days of summer. On the banks of the Catawba River, Friday night high-

school football is king again as lawn mowing fades into leaf raking. The changing of seasons here is both distinct and prolonged, as in much of America. I try without much success to

MEANWHILE

impress this point on the two young Hoaglands seated beside me cheering mightily for the Lewisville Lions to whomp the Chester Cyclones. They are more familiar with the Redskins of Washington than the Bearcats of Rock Hill, but on this Friday night their hearts and hopes are with the high schoolers. heroes of a more human dimension than

pro footballers can ever admit.
In France, where Lily, now 13, and
Lee, 8, spent four formative years, they
learned that the brief transition from summer to autumn is marked by the summer to autumn is marked by the vendange, as grapes are sorted, harvested and pressed in Bordeaux and Burgindy. Vintage wine is for Europeans a symbol of national renewal and posterity, cap-turing this summer's triumphs and fail-ures in liquid time capsules to be opened

10 to 20 years from now.

High school football — in the South and I suspect elsewhere — provides a similar bridge across the years for smalltown America. In the relative tranquillity and civic continuity of the nation's Rock Hills, certain Friday night feats (and disasters) will live in conversation and memory for years. They can establish hometown reputations for a lifetime. In these places people both have and take the time to remember and pre-

come its flowering in the next generation in a season of Friday nights. This is part of the reason we have come in the dying days of summer to Rock Hill's annual football jamboree, where a dozen invited high school teams open their seasons by squaring off in exhibition clashes of 20 minutes each. In urban Washington, high school sports is overwhelmed by the rush of the city and the giant shadows of professional teams. Here, I entrust the gladiators of adoles-cence to teach my children something lasting about transitions and time.

serve their youth. They formally wel-

Baseball is styled as America's national pastime. But it is a meditative pastime created to be played by seasoned professionals in summer. Teenage football or so it seems as I watch ponytailed cheerleaders rush onto the field carrying a giant banner glorifying Rock Hill High School, my alma mater — is a much finer symbol of national renewal and destiny, of the continuity of change that

is characteristically American. is characteristically American.

Lily and Lee know three towns:

Washington. Paris and Rock Hill. They
have lived in the two big capitals. Until
now they have known Rock Hill. a town
of 40,000, mostly in their imaginations. I have recreated the town I grew up in through countless anecdotes and stones that (like most history) mix characters. facts and pedagogically useful embel-lishments into narratives more coherent

than life itself. Now they watch words and memory come to life as the teenage boys who have worked out for weeks in exhausting summer heat to become varsity Bearcats rip through the banner held taut by the cheerleaders. Is that how your friend Clarence Jr. did it all those years ago. Lee asks. How do those 10-year-olds on the sidelines get to be water boys? The greatest thing in life, Lee's questions suggest, would be to tear through that Bearcat banner to begin a new season

of Friday nights. I remember having the same ambition at his age, and not fulfilling it. It has taken me more than four decades and a life of traveling and living abroad to come back to the centrality of the human condition of small towns and Fri-day night football. In their enthusiasms and clarity, Lily and Lee now teach me about Rock Hill, not vice versa.

If summers must -alas -end, small towns are wise to end them on this note of generational renewal. Autumn need not be defined by the moroseness of falling leaves or the slick packaging of professional sports. The Friday nights of autumn are moments for generations to discover what they can pass on to each other. Like Bordeaux wine, these games

are time capsules for the future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regarding "Catholicism: The Laity Will Keep Doing It Their Way in Bed" (Opinion, Aug. 25):

Andrew Greeley denies that "Catholicism is a list of doctrines and rules that you have to accept." Contrary to what Mr. Greeley says, the dogmatic teaching of the church is in fact just that.

What ails the church today is precisely that it is no longer fulfilling its func-Divine Truth and the Divine Graces, because the doctrine and the sacraments have been falsified and nullified. Mr. Greeky does not seem to realize that he. The job crisis has been brutal to the and so many others like him, are precise-

The situation of the church today brings to mind the words of St. John Fisher, the only English bishop to re-For a while the president seemed to be main faithful when England apostasized saying that continued low interest rates from the faith, in referring to his fellow

bishops: "The fortress is betrayed even by those who have sworn to defend it." E. A. WILSON. Santander, Spain.

... and Another Sense

Regarding the report "Italy's Sinking Birthrate Upsets Myths and Presages Problems" (Aug. 30):

Alan Cowell writes that "despite the pervasive presence of the Roman Catho-lic Church and its dogmatic stance against birth control," Italian women now have fewer children than women in any other nation." Apparently, the term "dogmatic" signifies strongly held moral convictions with which the journalist disagrees. I have never seen Amnesty International's intransigent opposition to capital punishment, even for the most

Mr. Cowell fails to mention the important implication of Italy's low birthrate. Using the same scientific (and approximately equal to the present population of Padua.

Vanishing Character

Congratulations on this excellent epi-taph for Robert Kempner, who had the kind of outstanding character that has

If there were more people of Mr. Kempner's determination and sense of justice, politicians and other officials would not get away with their indiffer-ence and thoughtlessness toward the atrocities in Bosnia.

For Whom Beryl Toiled

Regarding the editorial "For Whom Raoul Toiled" (Aug. 30):

The editorial blithely assumes that Beryl Markham "probably did not write" her autobiographical "West With the Night," and suggests that Raoul Schumacher, her third husband, did. The fact that Beryl Markham had almobiographical "Political Information of the Political Informati ready sent 110 pages of the manuscript of

that book to her publishers from the Regarding "Epitaph for a Nazi Foe: A

Little Piece of Justice" (Meanwhile, Aug.

Schumacher in California is completely ignored, as is her later output of short stories and magazine pieces. The fact that Mr. Schumacher's known works consist of a few short stories and a fistful of rumors also goes unmentioned.

The first person to fly the Atlantic solo from east to west, Beryl Markham gracefully acknowledged Mr. Schumacher's "assistance in the preparations for this book." She lived it and she wrote it. Why not leave it at that?

SYLVIA O'BRIEN.

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Fat in Your Diet: How Much is Too Much? Although American's community derive more than 30 percent of their calories from lat, lower levels may prevent a number of diseases. Those who exercise interprently should eat less lat than more active people Desired Percentage Daily Calories From Fat Daily Grams of Fat of Calories From Fat Should Not Exceed Should Not Exceed 36 27 320 Calorles 18 73 61 2,200 Calories 37 220 24 93 1,500 calories: Sedentary women (all ages), cider women, children 4 to 6 2,200 calories: Sedentary men (all ages), older men, active women, teen-age gids, children 7 and older

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Breast Cancer: Few Clues Panel Weighs Evidence on Diet Link

By Marian Burros

ASHINGTON -Two reports within the last year on breast cancer and diet have provided discouraging news for women who work hard to keep their fat consumption down, hoping to avoid a disease that affects one in nine American women. Neither study showed a correlation between the level of fat consumption and the incidence of breast cancer.

The annual conference of the American Institute for Cancer Research, held here last week, sought to shed some light on the conflicting evidence about the role fat plays in the disease. Despite the ambiguity in the research results, four of the five panelists at the session on studies conducted on humans presented information that tended to confirm, to one degree or another, that a highfat diet increased the risk of breast cancer, though it may be just one of several factors.

Even the researchers on the two prove this hypothesis recent studies that failed to confirm a link between fat and breast cancer of a connection between breast canpicture was not complete

United States derive 37 percent or more of their calories from fat. which makes it difficult to determine whether diets very low in fat

would protect against breast cancer. In one of the two studies, the Nurses Health Study, conducted by Dr. Walter Willet, professor of epidemiology and nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health, there was no difference in breast cancer rates between those whose fat consumption was at the low end of the range, 32 percent, and those at the high end, about 44 percent. the same problem.

years during which a high-fat diet is eaten. There have been suggestions that the amount of fat in the diet is crucial during childhood and adolescence rather than at the time a woman gets breast cancer. But no studies have been conducted to

Despite the lack of hard evidence agreed that it was still impossible to cer and fat, scientists will not abanrule out fat as a factor because the don the idea that there is a link, because animal studies and epidemi-One of the problems may be the ological evidence indicate it: Worndesigns of these two studies. It is en who live in countries where total possible that only diets that are very fat and saturated-fat consumption low in fat — 20 percent or less of are low — less than 20 percent of

total calories - can reduce the risk total calories - have much less risk of breast cancer. Most people in the of breast cancer than women in America, where fat consumption is

> Bolstering the connection is research that shows that estrogen levels increase as fat intake increases. Estrogens have been implicated in the promotion of breast cancer.

> Questions are also now being raised about the roles of pesticides, herbicides and pollutants like polychlorinated byphenyls (PCBs), which are stored in body fat and have estrogen-like effects.

"We are all fairly convinced that diet has some effect on breast can-To many researchers, however, that diet has some effect on breast can-study did not compare high-fat and cer," said Dr. David J. Hunter, an low-fat diets, but high-fat and me-assistant professor of medicine at low-fat diets, but high-fat and me-dium-fat diets. The other study had Harvard Medical School and the author of the breast cancer portion Another question concerns the of the Nurses Health Study. "But is it dietary fat?" Dr. Hunter was the only panel member who strongly believed that fat played no role. He suggested that those who believed fat levels had to be lowered to 20 percent to see a difference in breast cancer risk were "moving the goal posts." The other panelists, all cancer researchers, also considered the definition of a low-fat diet to be 20 percent of calories or less.

Health study showed no evidence that fiber or vitamins C or E reduced the risk of breast cancer but said there appeared to be some protective effect from vitamin A and

To try to solve some of the puzzle, the Women's Health Initiative, sponsored by the National Insticluding whether a diet with 20 per-cent of calories from fat that is high reduce the risk of breast cancer.

Diners Beware: A Fish Toxin Spreads

By Jane E. Brody

New York Times Service EW YORK — It seems terribly unfair when people are careful to select health-promoting foods like fish and then get sick from eating it. That was the fate of a Massachusetts couple, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Berlin of Pittsfield, who became mysteriously ill after dining on red snapper while vacationing in South Florida,

It took six months and numerous visits to the doctor before the true cause of their strange symptoms was uncovered through persistent sleuthing by the ill physician.

Dr. Berlin, a psychiatrist, eventually discovered that they were suffering from a little known but increasingly common ailment called ciguatera fish poisoning, cause by a toxin for which there is neither a diagnostic test nor a cure. The Berlins had thus joined countless other travelers to the tropics and semitropics, along with residents, who have been poisoned by eiguatoxin. The toxin is found in fish that feed on coral rees and in predatory fish that eat

The relative handful of medical researchers who have become experts on ciguatera fish poisoning are eager to get the word out to other doctors who may encounter patients with the confusing and often frightening array of ciguatoxin symptoms and to consumers who may be able to avoid the illness or recognize it soon enough to benefit from the only treatment known to reduce its severity: Large intravenous doses of a complex sugar called manni-tol, which counters the effects of the toxin on sodium channels. Mannitol treatments, if started soon enough, can greatly reduce the severity and duration of symptoms.

Dr. W. Robert Lange of Johns Hopkins Hospital in

Baltimore described ciguatera as the most common sea-food-related illness. But, despite problems in spotting it, ciguatera poisoning is hardly a new problem: Illness resembling it was known in ancient Egypt and it was first

described by Spanish explorers to Cuba in the 1500s.

As for symptomatic complexity, Dr. Langa described two
cases in which ciguatoxin seemed to have been transmitted sexually by men with genito-urinary symptoms to their wives, who developed severe pain deep in the pelvis. More typically, symptoms of ciguatera fish poisoning sout within hours of consuming contaminated fish but, just to confuse matters, may begin as long as a day or more later. Gastroin-

For this increasingly frequent food poisoning, there is neither a diagnostic test nor a cure.

testinal distress, namely nausea, womiting, watery diarrhea and abdominal cramps, usually come first, followed or accompanied by neurological symptoms that may include numbness and tingling of the lips, tongue and throat, then the lingers and toes. Those more severely affected often experience a reversal of hot-and-cold sensations, so that an ice cube feels burning hot and fire feels ice cold.

Other symptoms may include weakness, dizziness, dry mouth, aches in muscles and joints, sharp shooting pains in the arms and legs and a sensation that one's teeth are loose. Vision may become blurred or distorted, the skin may itch and the heart rhythm may become abnormally slow. Low blood pressure, difficulty breathing and debili-

A particularly characteristic sign of ciguatera poisoning is that alcoholic beverages worsen the symptoms. So may vigorous physical exercise, particularly in hot weather. and sexual activity. As long as six months after recovery, these triggers, as well as eating nuts and fish and shellfish that are not contaminated with eiguatoxin, can cause a recurrence of symptoms. And once a person has had ciguatera poisoning, subsequent encounters with the toxin can result in ever-worsening but very rarely fatal illness.

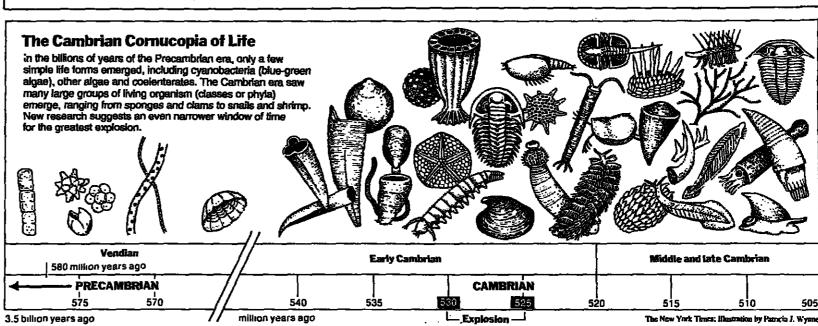
Although most people recover within one or two months, in some people symptoms persist for many months or years. Since there is no specific test for ciguatera poisoning, it is a diagnosis often made by

excluding other conditions. But Dr. Lange believes that patients with suspicious symptoms can speed the diagnosis by remembering what they are at recent meals and suggesting to their doctors the possibility of ciguatera poisoning.

Ciguatoxin is produced by a single-celled, free-swimming dinoflagellate, the protozoan Gambiendiscus toxicus, which attaches itself to marine algae growing on coral reefs. It is consumed by small herbivorous reef fish as they eat the algae. These reef fish are eaten by larger carnivorous fish and the fat-soluble toxin becomes more and more concentrated as it passes up the food chain.

While biochemists in three states are now trying to perfect a quick, inexpensive, simple test for cignatoxin, there is currently no commercially available way to tell if fish are contaminated before they are sold. The toxin is not destroyed by cooking, freezing, smoking, drying, water-soaking or marinating contaminated fish.

So, how to avoid it? Dr. Donna Blythe, a ciguatera expert from Coral Gables, Florida, insists that prevention is the most effective way to deal with ciguatera. In highly endemic areas, she recommends that travelers and residents avoid eating grouper, red snapper and any kind of fish dish that contains unspecified kinds of fish. In addition, she said, "Everyone everywhere should avoid eating barracuda." Also, avoid eating the liver of fish, where the



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gave to her husband as raw materi-

al for the book. Also in the trunk,

says Trzebinski, were pages bearing Schumacher's handwriting, attest-

ing to his work on the manuscript.

It is Trzebinski's contention that Markham held on to these papers,

possibly expecting "an opportunity to present riself to show how Raoul had written the book," but that the

extravagant praise that greeted its republication made it impossible

By John Schwartz . Washington Post Service

HE Cambrian period of geologic history doesn't enjoy the current superstar status of the Jurassic period (190 million to 136 million years tutes of Health, is testing several of ago). The Jurassic, after all, has dinosaurs the most promising hypotheses on and a movie. The much-earlier Cambrian 70,000 postmenopausal women, including whether a diet with 20 per-larvard paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould. whose 1990 book "Wonderful Life" popularin fruits, vegetables and grains can ized the period, which lasted from 570 million to about 510 million years ago.

But new research reported in the current dition of the journal Science suggests that the scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of the "Cambrian explosion" — the rapid and university and the Russupprecedented diversification of marine in
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THE LIVES OF BERYL

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

B ERYL Markham, the first per-son to fly the Atlantic solo from England to North America, is best known today as the author of "West With the Night," a lyrically written memoir that Hemingway touted as a "bloody wonderful book." "This girl," he said, "can write rings around all of us who consider ourselves as writers."
First published in 1942, "West
With the Night" was reissued in 1983 to enormous critical and popular acclaim. Rumors had circulated for years that Markham did not actually write the book herself, that her third husband, Raoul Schu-

"Postcards" by Annie E. Proulx. This book is very poetic — I would almost describe it as a poem. It is a story of rural America from the 1940s to the present day. It draws you in from the very first pages and captures the American dream,"

(Michael Kallenbach, IHT)

macher, an American writer, bad ghost-written it for her. In "Straight on Till Morning, her 1987 biogra-phy of Markham, Mary S. Lovell

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The Grand Mutanel Tager.

By Alan Truscott

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Schumacher in the volume was experienced ghost writer.

Simply a gesture of thanks for his editing and a public avowal of love.

Schumacher's ear for a good story,

Now a new biography of Markham by Errol Trzebinski, the author of an earlier biography of can be found in "West With the Finch Hatton, contests this view. Night." She adds that lists uncoverzebinski makes a forceful case for her argument, at least based on Raoul's Inndamental sources." the evidence presented in these (Isak Dinesen's "Out of Africa" pages, and she uses that argument and Elspeth Huxley's "White to explain the emotional arc of Man's Country") for the book's descriptions of Africa and that allu-

on 110 Morning. Net 1987 blography of Markham, Mary S. Lovell tried to refute these rumors.

Lovell argued that Markham's letters displayed "a simple elegance in phrasing;" that despite her lack of formal education, she had learned about literature during her romance with the African adven-

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for her to do so without a terrible loss of face. In any case, Trzebinski argues, Markham's collaboration with her husband on the memoir ultimately undermined their marriage, and her later years until her death at 83 in 1986 were spent trying to live up to the myth Schu-macher had created with the book. barons and peasants. As for the rest of Markham's life, Trzebinski creates a powerfully writ-

ten portrait of a strong-willed, selfish and physically courageous wom-an, a woman whose sensibility was indelibly shaped by her mother's abandonment of her as a child and by the African ethos of the Kipsigis people she grew up with in Kenya, an ethos of sexual freedom and emotional society that the result freezest. tional stoicism that would frequently set her at odds with the moneyed European world she later joined. In Trzebinski's account, Mark-ham's relationship with Denys

Finch Hatton emerges as considerably more obsessive than it appeared in Lovell's earlier book.

Markham, Trzebinski contends. pursued Finch Hatton for years. Finch Hatton died in a plane risch Hatton died in a plane crash in 1931, just as he was turning from Karen Blixen (aka Isak Dinesen) to Markham, and in the aftermath of his death, Markham threw herself into her new vocation, giving up her former passion, horse training, for flying, in 1936, she flew solo across the Adamtic.

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Having spent most of her own life in Kenya, Trzebinski writes of Markham's years in Africa with enormous passion for the land and an intuitive sympathy for how it shaped Markhan's emotional and spiritual outlook. She does not shrink from examining the more unpleasant aspects of Markham's personality: her manipulative toy-ing with men, her cold disdain for her son, her cruel abandonment of Schumacher. In doing so, she enables the reader to understand how this behavior grew out of Mark-ham's own insecurities and her anomalous childhood and youth,

Michiko Kakutani is on the staff of The New York Times,

Pity Sherwood Forest In Robin Hood's Days

By Teresa L. Waite New York Times Service

ONDON - Sherwood Forest was dying around the time of Robin Hood, an analysis of growth rings in old timbers has shown. Dr. Robert Laxton, a scientist at the University of Nottingham who studies clues to past events in trees' growth rings, said poor conservation by medieval English kings was to blame, not just bandits stealing from the rich to give to the poor. In the Middle Ages the Charter of the Forest reserved Sherwood exclusively for the kings to hunt and take timber. Anyone caught stealing wood or game could have had his hands or feet cut off, be blinded or even castrated. The laws applied to woodlands surrounding the royal forest, and they caused seething resentment among the

At an annual meeting of British scientists last week, Dr. Laxton described how growth rings in old timbers from more than 100 buildings in the Sherwood area document the conservation crisis in the forest. A healthy self-austaining forest consists of a well-balanced mix of trees of varying ages. To manage a forest productively, mature trees should be felled only as quickly as new ones can regenerate. Dr. Laxton said the buildings be studied contained timbers dating from before the Norman Conquest to about 1180 as well as timbers dating from 1290. A gap appeared between those dates with no new saplings until after 1290, a sure sign that the delicate balance in the forest had

been disrupted.

Documents of the period show that King Henry III was forced by rebellious barons in 1216 to revise the laws contained in the Charter of the Forest, revoking some of the harshest penalties. So while royal ownership was retained, the forest was open to exploitation by a growing population and an increasingly cash-strapped monarchy.

Of Mice and Gene Mimics

New York Times Service

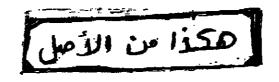
EW YORK — Perhaps the most striking lesson to emerge from recent efforts to understand forts to understand to the outcomes of those decisions variable. genes by seeing what happens to ied radically from mouse to mouse mice that lack a particular gene is how supple and resourceful the genetic program can be.

called knockout mice, rodents animal with a uscless hole where the shorn of genes once deemed essential to life often manage to survive the genetic program opted to build a just fine — evidence, scientists say, that there is extensive redundancy out defective. About 15 percent of built into an animal's blueprint. If an animal's DNA, other genes apparently can stand in for the misspulled off a near-miracle and coming player.

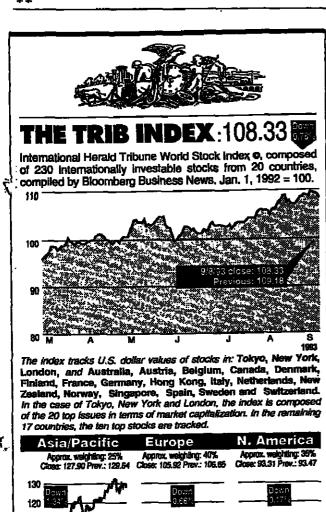
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In some cases, the genetic program compensated for the defect by In experiments with these soneglecting the right ear, leaving the right ear should be. In other cases, the time, the entire attempt failed, pulled off a near-miracle and constructed two healthy cars.

Yet in all instances, the mice were genetic patch-up job, Dr. Mario Calacking the same gene, one that al-pecchi and his co-workers at the lows the body to produce a stimula-University of Utah in Salt Lake tory protein called fibroblast growth factor 3. Dr. Capecchi discussed the they altered embryonic mice to work at a recent meeting on mouse knock out a gene involved in the genetics in Bar Harbor, Maine.



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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Layoff Trauma Now Hits Harder, and Lasts Longer

By Michael S. Malone New York Times Service

EW YORK — It is not an easy time to be a senior manager. Terms like "trim corporation" sound trendy, but they really mean you can now get fired even if you have done a great job. "The first thing you have to learn is that nothing is forever anymore," said Sid Wilkins, president of the outplacement specialist Wilkins & Wilkins International in Palo Alto, California. "There is no such thing now as job security."

Mr. Wilkins is often used by companies in Silicon Valley to help laid-off chief executives and other top managers find new work.

And until recently, he had a proven technique for these executives:

There is no such and grief over losing their jobs. then start them down the path to

finding new employment. security.' The program updated resumes, taught job-interview

skills and even found the client new clothes. It was a systematic process, and at the end was a new job for the client. But Mr. Wilkins has noted a fundamental change lately that has forced him to rethink his business: For many of his clients, the new

thing now as job

iobs are no longer there. As an organizational revolution has swept one American industry after another, many firms have undergone management layoffs and the odds have grown longer against executives finding other job openings in their fields.

That was what Tim Hillary discovered when the claims administrator Adjusteo closed its offices in Walnut Creek, California, in 1991 and moved Mr. Hillary's human resources management job to the East Coast. He quickly discovered he was trapped in a buyer's market. "Recruiters either didn't have any jobs available or demanded seven very specific qualifications, and knew they could get

them," he said. "It was not a pleasant time for me." A consolation, Mr. Wilkins said, is that in Silicon Valley at least, executives no longer seem surprised at being laid off, but take it as part of a career in high technology. He said there was less post-firing depression, but he had found that he had to deal with more client frustration down the line when no new jobs appear.

In San Francisco, Sharon Gadberry, president of Transitions Management, the local office of Outplacement International of

Management, the local office of Outplacement International of Chicago, found that her clients from more traditional companies were getting a double whammy: shocked at being fired, and

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EC Clears Debt Plan For Firms In Italy

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS - The EC Commission approved Wednesday a debt-reduction agreement with Rome that will allow Italy to proceed with the liquidation of a failed state holding company and the privatization of large portions of its state-

The accord, on which there was preliminary agreement in late July after months of talks, is designed to stop by the end of 1996 the unlimited guarantee of debts that Italian law now grants to wholly state-owned companies. It will step up pressure on the government to accel-erate the restructuring of its bloated companies through asset sales and plant closures, analysts said.

The task will be "Herculean." said Susan Witt, who rates Italian debt for Standard & Poor's Corp. in London. State-owned companies represent fully one-quarter of Ital-ian industry, according to EC esti-mates, and their debts amount to the equivalent of around \$100 billion, Ms. Witt said.

That law has been a major irritant in relations between Rome and Brussels. The commission's demand that the guarantee be lifted has held up for most of this year the liquidation of the holding company, EFIM, and the settlement of its 9.3 trillion lire (\$5.9 billion) in debts.

The agreement calls on Italy to work down the debt of state-owned companies to "levels comparable to those in the private sector." Commission officials said they could not estimate how much the debt would have to be reduced, but Ms. Witt said most state-owned companies are far from the investmentgrade standing that would be needed to privatize them.

The debt write-off would be monitored by the commission to ensure it did not violate EC rules on state aid. The commission has blocked attempts by the government to absorb the debt of its companies, most notably at the steelmaker Ilva SpA, claiming that such moves represent unfair-state subsidies.

Safety First at Car Show In Frankfurt, Small Is Less Dangerous

By Brandon Mitchener
International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT - Mobility,

variety and tolerance are the official buzzwords of this year's Frankfurt Auto Show, which starts Thursday, but safety is arguably the theme that will most occupy visitors' imaginations. As demand for small cars

grows, manufacturers are struggling to prove small does not automatically mean dangerous and that safe does not automatically mean expensive. So far, they have had mixed success.

in Hall 4, where Germany's leading automobile club displays five compact cars used in crash tests, Renault's new Twingo, Fi-at's Cinquecento and Daihatsu's Cuore provoked overwhelmingly critical reviews, while the Opel Corsa and Nissan Micra carned praise. "The suspicion that every small car is a potential death trap is disproved," the automobile club said.

German, Japanese and U.S. automakers currently lead the trend toward safety, with antilock brakes and airbags standard or at least optional even on small models. Italian, French and other competitors are gaining fast, however, in an international, competition-driven accent on safety that sometimes runs counter to local demands.

"It's our goal to offer driver and passenger airbags standard

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG - Monetary au-

thorities in Hong Kong confirmed

Wednesday what a record-setting

stock market and a racing property market already knew: there have

been few signs that China's auster-

A survey by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority of 24 institu-

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in all our models," said Christian brakes are rarities in southern Hildebrandt, a research engineer at Volkswagen AG. The company is also investigating the technical and economic feasibility of installing side-mounted airbags. It already puts front-seat airbags

and other safety features in its high-powered models, he noted. Mounting the airbags and anti-lock brakes in large numbers drives down the cost of the equipment and renders it attrac-

Airbags are even showing up in markets where they are not popular.

tive even in markets where it is considered exotic. "We have anadvantage not only because we have the airbags, but because we have them cheaply," said Mr. Hildebrandt.

European airbags are about half the size of their American counterparts, and less expensive, but they absorb roughly the same

Other safety features on display at the fair are reinforced door panels, steering wheels that collapse in collisions and seat belts that do not slip. Though airbags and anti-lock

Chinese Investors Keep Faith

were bailing out of Hong Kong to counter a credit squeeze at home. The results came the same day the

Hang Seng index rose 60.42 points

to hit a record high of 7,607.13. The

rally was despite a clutch of worries about China's relations with both

the United States and Britain, as

of China's attempt to rein in its

A 16-point plan announced in early July had prompted worries that a program devised to trim Chi-

nunaway economy.

Europe, even Fiat and Renault parade their safety credentials in a pitch to maintain market share in Germany and other countries.

"The Punto is the safest car in its class," claimed Thomas Wüsten, a spokesman for Fiat, which unveiled the long-awaited suc-cessor to its popular Uno last week in Milan. Airbags and antilock brakes are available as options, while a patented shutoff system prevents fuel leaks from causing fires as a result of a

Though hardly in demand in Italy, the safety features are nec-essary if Fiat is to recapture its place from Renault as No. 1 import in Germany, he said.

Renault, meanwhile, promises airbags will soon be standard on some of its big cars and optional on all others, including the Twingo, which the German auto club pronounced a product of "yesterday's safety today."

Louis Hughes, head of Gener-al Motors Europe, described the drive toward safety as a boon to consumers but a problematic challenge for the auto industry.

"We're making cars that are safer, cleaner and more fuel effi-cient," he said in an interview, "but all of that costs money that consumers are reluctant to

over a chaotic economy, the plan

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and real estate markets, enjoying a boom partially attributed to an in-

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Investors in Hong Kong's stock

Paris Pressed To Ease Stance On Trade Deal

By Tom Redburn ntional Herald Tribune

PARIS - The French government came under increasing pres-sure Wednesday to ease impediments to a world trade accord, as the official in charge of the trade talks and leading German officials said they would not allow Paris to reopen the U.S.-EC farm accord that is a cornerstone of any poten-

tial global agreement.

Meanwhile, there were hints that
France, while insisting it remains
adamantly against the farm deal. was maneuvering behind the scenes to extract greater concessions from

its European partners as the price for dropping its objections. After meeting with Prime Minis-ter Edouard Balladur for just under an hour, Peter Sutherland, director-general of the General Agreement on Tariff; and Trade, told reporters that last year's farm deal, known as the Blair House agreement, should remain intact despite French complaints that it will severely limit the subsidized exports

of grain of France's farmers.

There are a significant number. of contracting parties who refuse to reopen Blair House," Mr. Suth-erland said, "and as long as the parties do not agree to reopen it, then clearly there can be no rene-

His remarks were echoed by the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, who told lawmakers in Bonn that France's objections to the farm deal should not be allowed to stand in the way of reaching an overall trade accord before the end percent in urban areas in July, would also squeeze Hong Kong. In a bid to reassert Beijing's control

The Blair House accord," Mr. Kinkel said, is no longer negotiable in substance."

Paris also remained at odds with its European partners and other GATT participants over the impor-tance of the Dec. 15 deadline set by Mr. Sutherland, after a series of delays and postponements, as the limits on specific products, or guarlast chance for completing the sev-en-year-old GATT negotiations. cereal substitutes from North "It would be very good to linish by then," a French aide quoted Mr. Balladur as saying, "but if we are not ready, we're not ready."

But Mr. Sutherland, while acknowledging that major hurdles still must be cleared if there is to be a final agreement, contended that the mid-December deadline "is engraved in stone."

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, speaking to the Bundestag-also insisted on the "absolute necessity" of bringing down the curtain on the long-running and in-creasingly tedious GATT show. Rather than seeking to undermine the French position, Mr. Kohl said, he was trying to forge a compromise within the Community that would clear the way to a global

Mr. Sutherland said it was up to the Community to settle the dis-pute over farm trade itself rather than throw it open to wider negotiations. "It is a very significant issue to be resolved," he acknowledged. "As far as the GATT is concerned. we will have to wait for internal EC discussions to be completed."

Asked if Mr. Balladur had threatened to try and stop the Community from accepting the farm agreement, Mr. Sutherland replied: "It was made absolutely clear that the French position on this particular issue is of the utmost

EC farm and foreign ministers are scheduled to meet Sept. 20 to discuss the French complaints about the Blair House deal. In advance, EC officials will hold a series of meetings aimed at reaching a compromise acceptable to the French, as well as the EC Commission and most of the 11 other members, who refuse to reopen the farm pact.

France, a leading grain exporter. wants an arrangement that will not cut too deeply into grain exports from the Community. Paris is seeking a delay in export reductions. and greater flexibility in setting America and other competing exporters. But many diplomats say France appears to be angling for concessions from its EC partners.

Slow U.S. Growth Sufficient for Fed

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — U.S. economic growth is moderate at best, the Federal Reserve Board reported Wednesday, but the ex-. pansion is enough to keep the central bank from cutting interest rates, its vice chairman said.

In its so-called Tan Book report on economic conditions, ssued every six weeks, the Fed said the economy was growing at a "slow-to-moderate" pace, with the center of the country faring better than the coasts.

Employment was found to be growing slowly and retail sales rising moderately in late July and in August. The central hank said price increases were in check. "With the exception of nmber, prices are generally stable and there is little evidence of inflationary cost pressures," the Fed said in the report.

David Mullins, the Fed's vice we go beyond that."

But Mr. Mullins echoed comchairman, said the growth was sufficient to dissuade the cen- ments made in July by the Fed tral bank from an interest-rate chairman, Alan Greenspan, a reduction. He said there was version of which were released

Mullins said. "We don't have a speed boat, but it's as if we have

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Weak economic data recently have fanned speculation the Fed might push down the federbanks charge each other for

overnight loans. But Mr. Mullins said the rate was likely to remain at the 3 percent of the past year. The benefit of going a little farther on the fed funds rate," he said, "seems at best only marginal."

"It's hard to believe a little lower fed funds rate would measurably alter the pace of defense industry conversion," he added, or "assuage the fears of consumers or the concerns of

A reduction would run the risk of fanning inflation, he said: "We have an accommodative stance now, with some risks of holding that stance for too long and an even greater risk if

little to gain and much to lose.

The United States is "on a Committee: inflation-adjusted path of moderate growth," Mr.

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Weak U.S. Economy The Dow Worries Wall Street

NEW YORK — Stocks fell for ally had moved in the same directhe second straight day Wednesday, tion as the rising bond market. But with secondary issues showing steep since the 30-year yield fell below 6 losses as concerns about the effects percent on Friday, that relationof a weak economy mounted.

tended their 10-month advance on seem to be coming to the conclucomments from the Federal Reserve sion that stocks finally have dis-Board that it was unlikely to reduce counted, in full, the economic short-term interest rates soon. The benefits of falling interest rates. anti-inflation implications of the "The deviation between stocks

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dropped 18.17 points, to 3,588.93, while declining issues on the New York Stock Exchange outnumbered advancers by a 7-to-3 ratio. Among secondary issues, the Nasdaq overthe-counter composite average lost 8.63 points, to 730.72, and the American Stock Exchange average was down 5.20, to 451.08.

The 30-year Treasury bond rose 18/32, to 105 14/32, where its yield was 5.86 percent, down from 5.90 percent. Statements by Fed officials indicated short-term rates would remain at current levels for now and were likely to eventually rise, while a reduction was not in the cards.

For many months, stocks genership seems to have broken down. Long-term bonds, however, ex- Increasing numbers of investors

and bonds is exactly what should be happening at this point in time as central bank's policy made long: the economy continues in a disinfla-tionary mode," said Jack Baker, term bonds attractive, and investors chief trader at Furman Selz. "Long were switching to Treasuries from term interest rates continue to fall mortgage-backed securities, which but the low-growth economy may are losing popularity as homeown- mean that many of the optimistic ers prepay their loans. carnings projections are
The Dow Jones industrial average by four or five quarters. carnings projections are premature

Wal-Mart Stores was the mostactive New York Stock Exchange issue, easing ¼ to 24¼.

Baxter International followed dropping 3% to 22%. Late Tuesday the medical-supply concern said expected third-quarter results to fall.
It announced a \$13 million restructuring charge, a hiring freeze and plans to cut 350 jobs and trim executive salaries.

In active over-the-counter trad-ing, Borland fell 2 to 15, after analysts at Goldman, Sachs and Paine-Webber reduced earnings estimates. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, UPI)

Dollar Gains as Traders Await Bundesbank

NEW YORK - The dollar ended higher against the Deutsche mark on Wednesday as traders awaited the outcome of Thursday's stronger yen to tackle the surplus. Bundesbank council meeting.

The yen skidded lower against the dollar and mark, meanwhile,

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amid speculation of an imminent cut of up to 0.75 of a point in the Japanese discount rate, which is currently 2.5 percent, and talk of a tax cut as early as this month, traders said.

The dollar edged up to 1.6146 DM from 1.6138 DM on Tuesday. It jumped to 105.535 year from

The U.S. currency gained to 5.6855 French francs from 5.6768 francs, but was flat against the Swiss franc at 1.4175. The British pound rose to \$1.5425 from

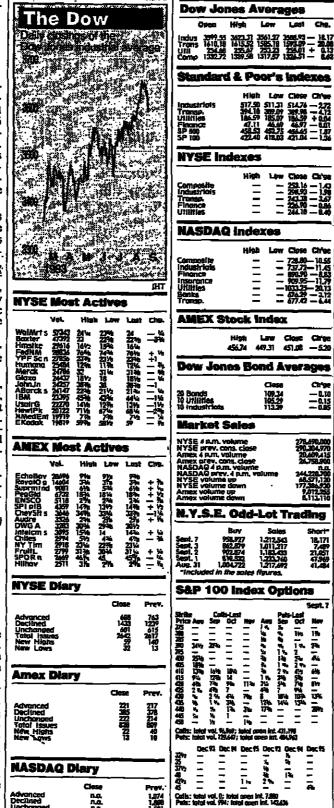
In London, the dollar gained to 1.6183 DM from 1.6105 on Tuesday. It leaped more than one yen, to 105.55 yea from 103.95.

hence a credible way of curbing the massive Japanese trade surplus. That, in turn, reduces speculation that the U.S. will continue to seek a

Friday's release of the Bank of Japan's quarterly economic assess-ment could be the watershed in this respect, analysts said. On Wednesday, the yield on three-month Japanese certificates of deposit hit record low at 2.63 percent.

The prevailing market view, meanwhile, appears to be that the Bundesbank will leave its discount rate unchanged at 6.75 percent, though few are convinced either way, since the German central bank has confounded expectations at its past two meetings.

"Market views on the Bundesbank are fairly evenly split at the moment, but I don't think a small rate cut is really going to do too much damage to mark sentiment." said George Magnus, economist at S.G. Warburg.



VW Forecasts Loss for 1993

FRANKFURT — Volkswagen AG will post a loss at the group level in 1993 due to losses of about 900 million Deutsche marks (\$556 million) at SEAT SA, its Spanish unit, but it will still pay a "minimal" dividend, company officials said Wednesday.

A spokesman said that Ferdinand Pièch, the company's management

board chairman, expected the German parent company to make a profit and to pay a small dividend in 1993, even though SEAT's loss would force

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Boeing Discusses Plane With Japanese SEATTLE, Washington (Reuters) — Boeing Co. said Wednesday it a had been in "very preliminary" discussions with its Japanese suppliers about building an aircraft, the YSX, that could hold up to 80 seats.

"It's very preliminary," said a spokesman for Boeing. "We've had ongoing discussions with Japanese industry," he said. The YSX aircraft "has been a topic of discussion but it's all preliminary. There have been no decisions "he said.

Soros Buys \$634 Million of Property

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NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — The international financier George Soros's Quantum Realty Fund said Wednesday it had completed the purchase of \$634 million of foreclosed real estate and underperforming mortgage loans from the insurance company Travelers Corp.

The purchase is the first acquisition for Quantum Realty, which was tannohed March I. The fund is run by Paul Reichmann, the head of the failed and local loc

failed real estate giant Olympia & York Developments of Toronto. Separately, Mr. Soros's Quantum Fund NV said it would spin off to its shareholders its 50 percent stake in a joint venture with British-based British Land PLC.

Quantum Fund said shareholders would be given the option to invest their planned \$2,250 dividend distribution into shares of the new fund, ic be called Quantum U.K. Realty Fund, instead of receiving cash.

EPA to Expand Permit-Trading Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency proposed Wednesday to expand a program that allows utilities to meet airquality standards by trading pollution permits among themselves.

The EPA wants to extend the trading policy to all facilities that emit acid-rain pollutants, according to an EPA analyst, Steve Cochran.

The trading policy, allowing plants with lower emissions to sell pollutior credits to plants that cannot afford improvements needed to reduce their emissions, creates economic benefits as well as incentives for companies to lower emissions, the EPA administrator. Carol Browner, said.

Futures Trader to Settle Charges

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Spear, Leeds & Kellogg has agreed to pay \$325,000 to settle charges by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission that it submitted false reports and failed to properly supervise employees, the CFTC said Wednesday. Spear, Leeds, a New York firm registered with the CFTC as a futures

commission merchant, did not admit or deny wrongdoing.
The CFTC's allegations involved accounts established at Spear, Leeds by the late Marvin Goodman. The commission said that from November 1990 until September 1991, Spear, Leeds sent out monthly account statements to as many as 86 Goodman customers that showed positive account balances when there was little or no money in the accounts.

Overhaul of Tax-Free Bonds Urged

WASHINGTON (WP) — Government and private regulators will ask Congress on Thursday to overhaul the tax-exempt municipal-bond market, saying radical reforms are needed to prevent corruption and conflicts of interest in the market and protect the small investors who have put almost \$800 billion into the bonds.

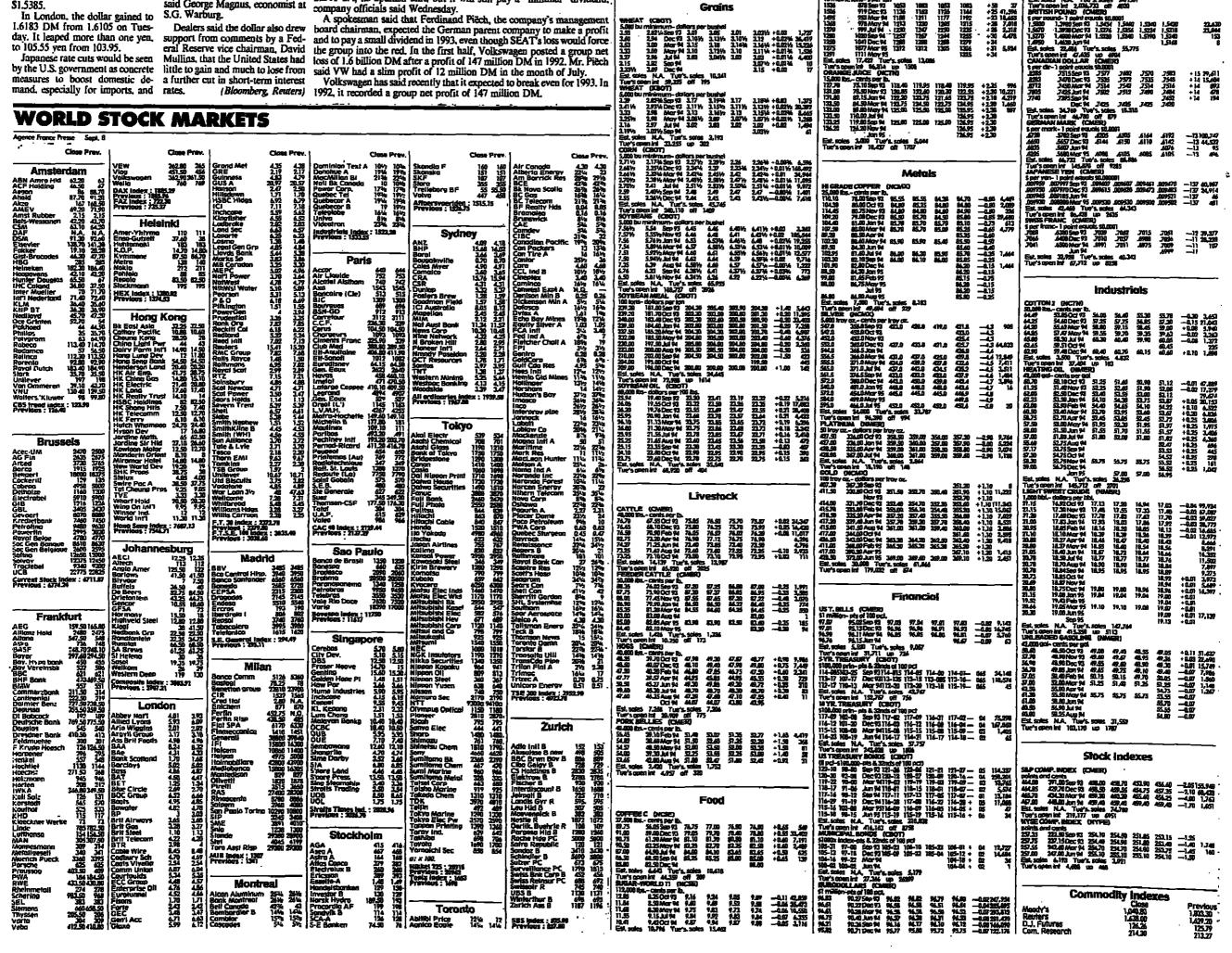
A series of reports to be presented to a congressional committee warns that because municipal bonds are exempt from the federal regulations that cover most investments, the market is vulnerable to abuses.

Alcoa Forms Chemicals Firms in Asia

PITTSBURGH (Bloomberg) — Aluminum Co. of America, hoping to expand sales of alumina-based chemicals in the Pacific Rim, said Wednesday it had formed two industrial-chemicals companies based in Singapore and Australia.

Alcoa, the world's leading producer of aluminum, said its Industrial Chemicals Division, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Alcoa of Australia, its bauxite-mining and refining operation, had agreed to form

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Cadbury Seen Turning the Tables Often a Takeover Candidate, Now a Potential Buyer

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON - In recent years, Cadbury Schweppes PLC has often been rumored to be a takeover target. Now, the British soft-drink and candy company has turned the tables. Last month, it raised its stake in Dr Pepper/Seven-Up Cos. of Dallas to 25.9 percent

from 5.7 percent and said it would not rule out an eventual bid for the entire company. That prompted Dr Pepper to raise takeover

In the last week, speculation has mounted that Cadbury is also stalking another of the few remaining independent soft drink companies in the United States. A & W Brands Inc.

Analysts said that over the long term. Cadbury could benefit considerably with either Dr Pepper or A & W. But they said that financing a deal for Dr Pepper - which would likely cost a minimum of \$1 billion for the shares that Cadbury does not already own - would be a stretch for Cadbury, given an already burdensome debt load.

A & W would be more manageable, at a rumored price of around \$300 million, but the implications for Cadbury's balance sheet of even that deal might give investors pause. Cadbury's stock, which closed as high as 501 pence on Aug. 19, ended Thursday at 470 pence, up a penny on the day.

The speculation about a deal in the United States has to some extent overshadowed a general improvement in Cadbury's existing businesses, largely from increasing market share and lower costs in its British soft-drink business. The company is to report its earnings for the first six months of the year on

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Thursday, and analysts have predicted a sharp gain over the period a year earlier.

John Elston of James Capel & Co. in London said he was looking for pretax earnings of £165 million (\$254.2 million), compared with £126 million a year earlier. The earnings are expected to include one-time gains of £11 million. "It's a pretty good performance across the group," Mr. Elston said.

Cadbury is the world's third-largest softdrink company, trailing Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo Inc. But it is far behind its big rivals, and the only major market that it dominates is Britain, where its strength derives largely from a bottling venture with Coke.

In turning its attention to expansion in the United States, Cadbury, which holds 3.4 percent of the soft-drink market there, will not put fear in the hearts of Coke and Pepsi. But it is seeking increased clout by adding established brands to its line-up, which includes Canada Dry, Schweppes, Sunkist and Crush.

Combining forces with Dr Pepper/Seven-Up, which has 10.6 percent of the market in the United States, or A & W, which has about 2 percent, would provide Cadbury with economies of scale and improved marketing and distribution opportunities, as well as a chance for greater profits in a market that accounts for a third of worldwide soft-drink consumption.

Cadbury has not made any public comment about its rumored interest in A & W. Cadbury has said it has no immediate plans to make a bid for the rest of Dr Pepper and has said it would like to discuss with the Dallas company ways in which they could cooperate more closely. Dr Pepper already produces soft-drink concentrates for the Cadbury brands in the United States and distributes some of them to restaurants.

Many analysts think Cadbury would be content to turn over its brands in the United States to Dr Pepper in exchange for an increased stake in the company. But what deal gets done, and how fast, depends to a large extent on how Cadbury deals with Dr Pep-per's management, which seems distinctly nervous about Cadbury's intentions.

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News quoted participants as saying Wednesday in Paris. Negotiations

were to continue Thursday.

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Unilever to Buy

Ice-Cream Unit

said Wednesday it was buying Kraft General Foods Inc.'s icecream unit, one of the largest ice-States with annual sales of about \$500 million.

The value of the acquisition of the unit, a division of Philip Morris Cos., was not disclosed.

The British-Dutch food and personal-products manufacturer said it would also acquire a license to continue to use the Light 'N' Lively and Knudsen brand name ice creams. Kraft General Foods will keep a license to use the Breyers and Sealtest brand names on their non-ice-cream products.

The acquisition will allow Unilever "to extend its presence in the U.S. ice-cream market to the dessert sector, in which it has not been previously represented." Unilever said. In Amsterdam, Unilever shares closed one guilder (55.5 cents) low-

Unilever, which is based in London and Rotterdam, already sells ice creams under the brand names Good Humor, Popsicle and Klon-

The businesses being bought op-erate manufacturing sites in Cali-fornia, Indiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and to boost efficiency.

Virginia. They employ approxi-mately 2,000 people at six manu-

Unilever generates revenue of more than \$43 billion a year from cream producers in the United sales of foods, soaps and detergents, personal products and specialty chemicals, Its U.S. operations contribute more than \$9

> Philip Morris has annual revenue of more than \$59 billion from sales of tobacco, beer and food. Its Kraft General Foods division had about \$20 billion in sales in the United States and Canada last (Bloomberg, AP) уеат. ■ Philip Morris Units Merge

> Jacobs Suchard and Kraft General Foods Europe are to merge to form a new unit, Kraft Jacobs Suchard, the two subsidiaries of Philip Morris announced Wednesday, according to an Agence France-Presse dispatch from Zurich.

> The merger would be implemented "stage by stage" and com-bined sales would be 13.5 billion Swiss francs (\$9.5 billion) this year.

The chairman of Kraft General Foods International, John Keenan, told correspondents that the merger had been decided upon because of the fast growth in group busines in Europe in the last few years and the need to set up a new structure

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far less buoyancy if a great deal of Chinese money were to leave. "There is no evidence of a big sell-off at all," said Andrew Freris. the chief regional economist for Salomon Brothers Hong Kong Ltd., who said he believed that the actual amount of Chinese money in

'quite small. The results of the survey need to be treated with caution," said David Carse, acting chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, noting that economic measures taken by Beijing "would take some time to show their full effects."

the local property market was

"But the results do not indicate that the tightening measures announced in China at the beginning of July have so far resulted in any marked outflow of funds from Hong Kong," he said.

The survey found that Chinese banks' deposits in Hong Kong fell slightly in July following a sharp rise in the second quarter and that their borrowing had risen marginally. Deposits and borrowing by nonbanking entities in China had both risen in July.

"China is taking a more sophist cated view than it has in the past," said Vincent Chan, senior economist at Peregrine Brokerage Ltd.
They realize it is very difficult to use administrative measures to force funds back home."

"It has become an investment decision for mainland Chinese groups operating here and at home them," Mr. Chan said. "If China interest rates return, it will become had risen to 8 percent as a result of while cash flow rose 11 percent, to quite attractive to put them there." the conversion of subordinated 5.51 billion francs. (AFP, Reuers)

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Very briefly:

 International Business Machines Corp. named Hans-Old Henkel as president of its European operations; early in 1994, he is to succeed Renato Riverso as chairman of IBM World Trade Corp.

 Mirror Group Newspapers is expected to announce that administrators of Robert Maxwell's estate will sell their 54.8 percent stake in the company to settle complaints among several Maxwell entities.

 Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.'s first-half pretax profit rose 92.9 percent, to £291.6 million (\$449.3 million), reflecting the sale of catering and other operations, which helped raise exceptional income to £210.7 million from £66 million; sales were up 9.8 percent, to £2.7 billion. • Productial Corp. said its first-half profit fell 2.8 percent, to £242 million, reflecting reduced securities gains from a high 1992 level.

• British Sky Broadcasting said its profit in the year to June 30 was £62.2 million, following a loss of £20.43 million a year earlier, revenue was up 63.1 percent, at £380 million.

• CarnandMetalbox SA predicted its profit would fall about 7 percent from the 976 million French francs (\$171.3 million) earned in 1992.

• European Community unemployment slipped to a 10.6 percent rate in July from a revised 10.7 percent in June, largely reflecting one-time gains

France to Sell 3% of Total

PARIS — The French state will soon sell nearly 3 percent of Total SA, the oil company, to raise almarket conditions most 2 billion francs (\$350 mil-said Mr. Tchuruk.

lion), Serge Tchuruk, president of the company, said Wednesday. The sale to the market would be — you put your funds where you can make the most money with in line with a commitment by the state to hold its stake at 5 percent.

convertible stock into ordinary The disposal can be made when market conditions are suitable.

He also announced that Total had posted a net profit of 1.81 billion francs in the first half of 1993, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Operating profit totaled does bring inflation down and real Mr. Tchuruk said that the stake 3.49 billion francs, up 3 percent,

"EC Talks to Focus on Airline Industry

BRUSSELS - Officials of the European Community's recession- find palatable the medicine likely to battered air-transport industry be prescribed for the industry. converge on Brussels from Thursday for hearings aimed at finding a

badly needed tonic for their sector. The public sessions — heginning Thursday and continuing on Thursday next week - are intended to help a group of "wise men" set up by the EC Commission to analyze and propose possible cures for an industry that had losses of \$700 million last year.

But already, there are doubts about whether EC governments will

The organizers have been at pains to invite representatives from right across the air-transport sector, covering the airlines, airports, aircraft manufacturers, air traffic controllers, unions and consumers

"It's a way to really get to the bottom of the situation." said Andre Clodong, one of the hearing organizers. "It's a global overview Talks between American

of the imbalances in the industry." The group's first report is expected before the end of the year. Officials have predicted that it will prescribe concentration to allow the EC's cash-strapped carriers to face up to the giant airlines from the United States and Japan.

But many EC governments, which cherish their state-owned carriers, are unlikely to buy the

Talks between American Air-

European airlines argue that American has an unfair competitive advantage because it owns the Sabre computer-reservations system and so has access to detailed

TRAUMA: Specialists Offer Programs to Cope with the Pain of Lay-Offs

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depressed at being unable to find new employment. Like Mr. Wilkins, she rethought her work. What both specialists discovered offers a path for executives nation-

• Realize that nothing is forever. Said Ms. Gadberry: "Get security out of your head. Think about it: is there really one company you can guarantee will always be profitable, that will never reorganize?" Added Mr. Wilkins: "You are totally responsible for your family's security. You can't delegate that. And until you recognize that fact, you can't be helped."

• Get involved. Start looking for your next job while you are still employed. Ms. Gadherry recommended becoming active in professional groups in your field and

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with people in other professions. See how other folks make money."

• Know yourself. "Take a specific look at what you do best," Ms. Ms. Gadberry: "I worked with a Gadberry said. "The problem with guy with high blood pressure from most general managers is that they have lost their skills. You need a backup talent with which you can make money, even if it's by the

• Dream, "Figure out what you'd like to do if you weren't doing this," Mr. Wilkins said. "Maybe you want to teach, or start your own business. Visit the career-development center at your local community college or your alma mater and spend a hundred bucks on antitude and interest tests. It might give you some alternative ca-

Mr. Wilkins had one client, the former vice president of a bank building networks you can contact who decided that he really wanted the instant you are fired. Start the California, but he has remained in

• Talk to your family. Often your spouse knows more about your needs than you do. Recalls beating his head against the corpo-rate wall. I called his wife in who told me, 'I don't want him doing this anymore.' The man was shocked. Turned out he was doing all of this for her."

• Cut the best deal. When you are fired, hold out for the best severance package. For compensation, the rule of thumb is still a month's severance pay for every \$10,000 in salary. Ask for open-ended outplacement support until you find a new job. And ask for your benefits to continue for the duration of the

• Do not panic, but work fast. Contact your ou

will have fun and a new career at the end.

• Be creative. Mr. Wilkins has his clients imagine what they would like to be. Ms. Gadberry has her more traditional clients look at mid-sized companies that want people with experience at big companies, even if only as a "rented" executive who is hired for a few months or so.

in the end, it usually comes down to the inventiveness of the unemoloved executive. Mr. Hillary helped found a support group for unemployed human-resources executives called HRx. They swapped notes on interviews and shared resumé tricks. HRx now has two branches and 60 members.

Mr. Hillary is now the manager of corporate human resources for the health-maintenance organizafor work if you need it. Mr. Wilkins to own a shop in a small town. He ball rolling and then relax. You will the group. After all, he said, "you recommended joining the United now owns a hardware store in a probably have months of severance willage in Northern California.

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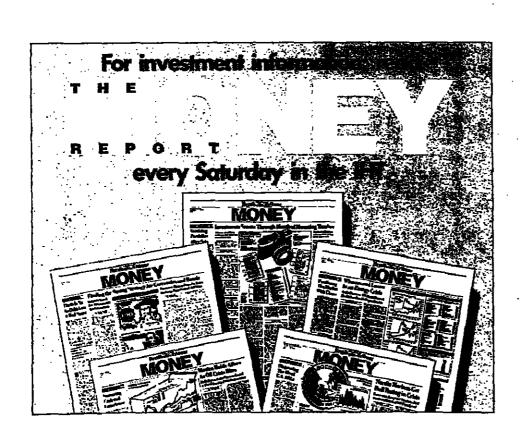
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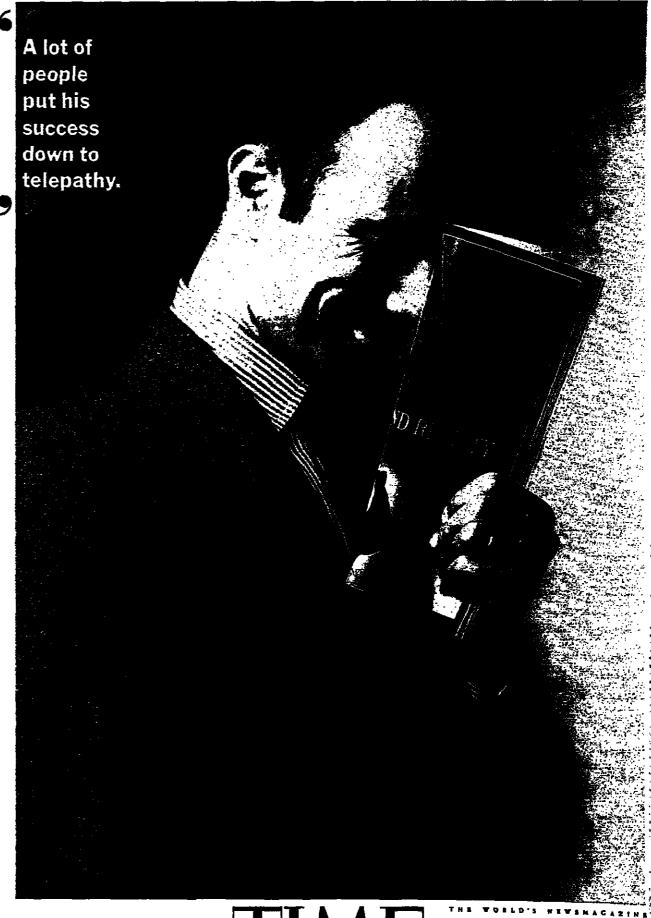


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Tokyo Backs Bank Loans Overseas New Program Aims to Blunt Criticism of Surpluses

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

TOKYO - Worried by anger over Japan's huge trade surpluses and eager to use its capital to earn some good will overseas, the government has decided to offer a new kind of loan guarantee to persuade reluctant Japanese financial institutions to make large new loans and investments overseas.

Officials said that the government-owned Export-Import Bank of Japan planned to guar-antee a 12-year loan of 8 billion yen (\$77 million) by Japanese life-insurance companies to Greece's state-owned railway.

The guarantee means that should the railway be unable to repay the loan or meet interest payments, the Export-Import Bank will. The guarantee thus lowers the interest rate the lenders charge and encourages them to make the loan for a longer term than they would otherwise permit.

The amount of the loan, the first to have such a guarantee, is modest, but it is significant for several reasons. It is part of a quiet campaign the Japanese government is waging to persuade other countries that by "recy-cling" its surpluses in the form of aid, investments and loans to needy parts of the world, the surpluses are actually beneficial. The policy implications are

important," said Yuichi Ezawa, a senior executive director at the Export-Import Bank. "We have been making great efforts to use our excess savings. This new project will enhance the international flow of private funds." Japan's relations with Europe

surplus hit \$132.3 billion last year and it is expected to come to more than \$150 billion this year. About one-third of that is with the United States and another third with European Community

countries such as Greece. The loan guarantee is aimed directly at easing some of those tensions. "This loan to a member of the EC will help improve Japan-EC economic relations, which are clouded by the trade imbalance," the bank said.

This is also in line with the theory held by some economists here that Japan's surpluses give the country the wherewithal to supply funds to needy areas of

try's soaring trade surpluses. "I don't think Japan's trade From \$63.5 billion in 1990, the surplus is hurting other countries," said Ryutaro Komiya, a respected economist and head of a research institute at the Ministry for International Trade and lustry. "It enables us to export capital.

Many other economists argue, however, that a sustained reduction in Japan's surpluses would do more to help bring some halance to the world economy and improve two-way flows of goods and capital in the global trading

In 1987, Japan announced with much fanfare a five-year, \$65 billion program to recycle its sur-

U.S. and Japan Begin Talks

TOKYO - Japanese and U.S. negotiators meet in Washington Thursday to begin tough talks on how to achieve and measure progress in reducing their huge trade imbalance. U.S. officials have threatened to impose benchmarks of their own

U.S. officials have threatened to impose benchmarks of their own if the two countries fail to agree on mutual numerical targets.

The talks come as Japan's economy appears headed back into recession. Japanese exporters have been battered by the high yen, which makes their products expensive overseas, while consumer spending has stalled. Meanwhile, frustration is growing in Washington over Japan's annual \$50 billion surplus in trade with the United States.

Talks in the morning will be taken up by trade issues and attended Koichiro Matsuura, deputy minister for foreign affairs; Sozaburo Okamaisu, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry's vice minister for international affairs; and representing the United States, Bowman Cutter, deputy assistant to the president for eco-nomic policy. The afternoon session will deal with international problems such as the environment, technology, human resources, (AP, Bloomberg) population and AIDS.

and the United States have been increasingly strained by the country's soaring trade surpluses. the world which they say is a net plus for the world economy. providing more than \$20 billion in loans to developing countries that were not tied to the purchase of Japanese goods or services.

But foreign governments and economists have argued that Japan did not need its huge surpluses to provide this financing. Perhaps more important, the government's efforts have been undermined by the fact that Japanese banks and corporations have cut back sharply on their overseas

Thus, a government plan to make another high-profile an-nouncement of a second five-year recycling program in July was quietly scrapped. Fearing a backlash abroad, the government made little effort to win publicity for its announcement that it plans to provide \$120 billion over the next five years, and it dropped the term recycling from the title, which is now "funds for development."

Whether the new loan-guarantee program can encourage Japastitutions to invest more abroad is an open question. A re-cession at home and the collapse of the stock market here has forced the private sector, which holds most of the surpluses, to pull back from the international realm. After sending more than \$130 billion a year abroad in the form of long-term private investments in the late 1980s, the private sec-tor made just \$28.5 billion in such

long-term investments last year.
The new loan guarantee is aimed directly at trying to en-hance this outflow of capital. since the actual loan is being supplied by private institutions.

NTT Plans to Slash Phone Rates in Bid **To Boost Results**

Telephone Corp., the telecommunications giant, said Wednesday it had applied to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications for forecast. a cut in rates for domestic longdistance calls to bring them to the same level as its competitors.

NTT also said the rates cuts profit for the year ending March 31, 1994, to 50 billion yen (\$479 million), from a previous forecast of 150 billion yen. Last year, the company posted a profit of 105.9

Masashi Kojima, president of the company, said it hoped to cut rates for calls over 30 kilometers 19. The action would mean that the daytime rate for a three-minute call over a distance of more than 160

Mr. Kojima said, however, that services, including public phones he was not sure when the company and intra-city calls, to keep its prof-would get clearance from the min- it from falling.

TOKYO-Nippon Telegraph & forecast for revenue, saying it would total about 5.7 trillion yen for the year ending next March, or 100 billion yen below an earlier

Mr. Kojima said that the company had to lower rates to stop a slide in market share and profit. "If we don't staze this chance to cut our would lower the parent company's prices, we will suffer serious damage in the future," he said at a news

Three new companies entered the long-distance call market in 1986 and took away a significant part of the market from NTT, which had dominated both the market in long-distance and local calls before that. Its share of the Tokyo-Osaka route, for example, (18.6 miles) by 21.4 percent on Oct. fell to 50 percent from 100 percent

over a distance of more than 160 kilometers would be cut to 180 year (\$1.72), from 200 year. While hoping for the cut in long-distance rates, NTT said it also hoped to raise its rates for other

Japan Widens Bidding On Government Projects

The Associated Press TOKYO - After sharp criticism over a series of bid-rigging and brib-ery scandals, Japan said Wednesday it would widen the field of construction companies it allowed to bid on public-works projects.

vance who can bid on construction projects, which has been blamed bids and agree on which concern for encouraging collusive practices like fixing bids.

The designated companies often would get together before placing would get the contract. Under the new system, any com-

ister Kozo Igarashi said the new the projects.

the possibility of such practices."

The ministry had defended the designated-bidding system as necessary to ensure the quality of publicworks projects and to protect small construction companies. Until now, only 10 contractors were allowed to The move, however, falls short of bid on public-works projects or-U.S. demands that Japan abolish dered by the central government. the system of designating in ad- The designated companies often

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TNT Ltd. moved further into loss in the year ended June 30, with its deficit widening to 256.74 million Australian dollars (\$167.8 million) from 195.42 million. The transport company had an operating profit of 14.18 million dollars, compared with a year-earlier loss of 75 million.

 Malaysia will relax rules governing foreign entry into the financial sector as part of a move toward an open services industry, Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim said.

• NEC Corp. is seeking to raise prices for 4-megabit dynamic random-access memory chips exported to computer makers in the United States by as much as 18 percent.

• Air New Zealand said net profit in the year ended June 30 rose 21 percent from a year earlier to 139.5 million New Zealand dollars (\$77 million), exceeding analysts' expectations.

Jananese three-month certificates of deposit hit a record low yield of 2.63 percent amid mounting speculation that the Bank of Japan would

• Moody's Investors Service Inc. placed Honda Motor Co. under review for a possible downgrade of its credit rating, citing sluggish demand for cars in Japan and the erosion of its market share in North America.

· Taiwan has tentatively decided to scrap a rule that requires local companies to obtain government approval to purchase technology from foreign concerns, an Economics Ministry official said.

 Perusahaan Otomobii Nasional Blad., or Proton, the Malaysian carmaker, said it would join Mitsubishi Motors Corp. and two other companies to jointly import, assemble and sell cars and minibuses in Vietnam.

• Philippine leaders promised to take bold steps to get the country's economy moving but rejected a proposed devaluation of the peso as a means to spur exports and boost growth.

Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg, AP, AFP

. U.S.-Thailand Trade Relations Thaw

BANGKOK — The United Thailand because the United States States said Wednesday it had re- is its largest single export market. moved Thailand from a list of But Thailand was put on the U.S. countries facing possible trade Priority Watch List until next year. sanctions after Bangkok improved when the country's status is to be protection of intellectual-property reviewed.

Kantor of the United States made ernment's progress in recent months

It was important for Bangkok to Trade Representative Mickey continue to improve protection of Copyright Law and revising Thai-

The decision is important for quoted Mr. Kantor as saying.

In recent months, Thai authorities have cracked down on pirated audio and video tapes and extended protection for pharmaceuticals and computer programs. But widespread violations continue.

Deputy Prime Minister Supachai intellectual-property rights, partic. Panitchpakdi said on radio: "I think the decision based on the Thai gov- ularly in firmly enforcing the Thai now the relationship has improved tremendously on the economic in protecting patents and other in- land's intellectual-property rights front. And we can do many more tellectual-property rights, an embas-sy statement said Wednesday. laws to bring them up to interna-tional standards, the statement ment between the two countries." things to enhance trade and invest-

The removal of Thailand from the U.S. Priority Foreign Country category of trade violators leaves India and Brazil alone on that list. Mr. Kantor had placed Thailand in the top category in April and warned that if it did not reach an agreement with the United States on disputed trade practices, Wash-

ington could impose sanctions. · The United States last year accounted for \$7.29 billion-worth, or 21 percent of Thai exports.

Singapore Airlines Buys Stake in China Service Venture

thay Pacific Airways and Japan Air lines entry into the venture, called Lines, Singapore Airlines will buy a Taikko (Xiamen) Aircraft Engi-10 percent stake in an aircraft-neering Co., was still subject to 41.75 dollars. The 7.7 percent gain maintenance joint venture being approval by the airline's board. The stake will cost it around \$6.3 million; total investment in the pro-Chinese city of Xiamen.

ny's parent, the Swire Group, said to drive shares in HAECO, which is volved - what more could you ask

ject is currently put at \$63 million. ture, with three strong regional air-

HONG KONG — Joining Ca— Wednesday that the Singapore Air- one of the largest aircraft-mainte- for?" said Roland Bruce, an analyst pacific Airways and Japan Air lines entry into the venture, called nance companies in the world, up 3 at Standard Chartered Securities. was the largest by any of the 33 The stake will cost it around \$6.3 stocks in the Hang Seng Index.

"It looks like a very strong ven-

Sheldon Kasowitz, director of Jardine Fleming Asian Research, said the joint venture would be one of only three internationally recog-nized maintenance facilities inside

Siemens Contests TGV Job

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SEOUL --- A German consortium said Wednesday it could not accept Seoul's choice of French trains for South Korea's first high-speed railroad

"We cannot agree with the decision to give top priority to GEC Alsthom of France as final negotiator," said Siemens AG, the group leader. The company said it would ask South Korea to disclose details of its the bidding. South Korean officials refused to comment. A final contractor has yet to

be decided upon, but France now has top priority to bring its high-speed TGV trains to South Korea following Seoul's selec-tion of GEC Alsthom, a British-French concern.

South Korean officials said the GEC Alsthom price tag of \$2.3 billion for trains and supplementary equipment was slightly lower than Siemens's bid. But Siemens claimed it had underbid Alsthom by 1 percent.

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Jays Drop 4th in Row but Yanks, Orioles Also Lose

lead in a game. The Blue Jays, ahead by 6-1 entering the seventh inning, lost at home to the Oakland Athletics, 11-7. in 11 innings Monday night for their fourth straight defeat. But the

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also lost their lead and their game to the Texas Rangers, allowing Toronto to keep its half-game edge in the division while the Baltimore Orioles lost to stary two back. "Blowing a 6-1 lead is uncalled for," said a Toronto pitchers, Al

Leiter, who helped do just that. Oakland's starter, Ron Darling, gave up five runs in the first on a run-scoring single by Paul Molitor, bases-loaded walks to Tony Fernandez and Pat Borders and a two-

run single by Turner Ward. But Darling settled down and the Toronto starter, Dave Stewart, let the A's chip away.

comeback with his 15th home run, a leadoff shot in the fourth. Roberto Alomar restored the five-run lead with his 15th homer in the bottom of the inning, but Oakland, with only one victory in their

previous 16 games, didn't quit. After trimming Toronto's lead to 6-3 in the seventh on Mike Aldrete's run-scoring single and Mike Bordick's sacrifice fly, Ruben Sierra chased Stewart with his 19th lowed with his 17th homer, off

Leiter, to tie it at 6. With one out in the 11th, Brent Gates walked against Tony Castillo. Marcos Armas then struck out with Gates moving up on a hit-and-run. A good throw would have nailed Gates at second for the inning-ending double play, but Borders's 4-3 loss to visiting Pittsburgh, put throw sailed into center and Gates

took third, Bordick walked and pinch-hitter Jerry Browne broke the tie with a games on May 17. run-scoring double off Mark Eichhorn, Scott Brosius followed with a two-run double, and after a walk to Scott Hemond and a single by Scott Lydy, Sierra grounded a tworun single to left to make it 11-6.

The Associated Press Rangers 5, Yankees 4: Gary Re-The Toronto Blue Jays held their das's RBI single in the eighth beat lead in the American League East New York in Arlington, Texas. The even though they couldn't hold a victory, coupled with Boston's defeat of Chicago, moved Texas within five games of the first-place

White Sox in the AL West. Doug Strange led off the eighth with a double off Paul Assentheir fourth straight defeat. But the macher. Pinch-hitter Doug Dasecond-place New York Yankees scenzo bunted in front of the plate, and the ball rolled off the glove of Assenmacher. Don Mattingly's throw to first was too late to get Dascenzo, and Strange moved to third before Redus singled.

Mariners 3, Orioles 2: Mike

Blowers' seventh-inning homer for Seattle ended Arthur Rhodes's nohit bid, then David Valle's 12th homer off Rhodes in the eighth ended host Baltimore's eight-game winning streak.

The Orioles scored twice in the ninth, on back-to-back doubles by Mike Devereaux and Harold Baines. But with a runner at third. Cal Ripken struck out on a 3-2 pitch to end the game.

Red Sox 4, White Sox 3: Mo
Vaughn and Bob Melvin hit two-

Dave Henderson started the run homers as Boston won in Chicago for the second straight game.
Tigers 10, Angels 6: Chad
Kreuter homered from both sides of the plate and drove in three runs as Detroit, at home, rallied to beat California.

Twins 6. Indians 0: Kevin Tapani pitched a four-hitter and Pat Meares hit a three-run double as Minnesota won in Cleveland.



Cal Ripken, sliding, couldn't stop Omar Vizquel from getting a double play; batting, Ripken struck out with a man on third to end the game.

ra chased Stewart with his 19th home run of the season, a two-run shot in the eighth. Troy Neel followed with his 17th homer, off Braves Beat L. A., 1-0, and Gain on Giants

The Atlanta Braves have again in 27 games. inched closer to the San Francisco The Braves' 1-0 victory in Los sign of great pitching," outfielder Angeles, coupled with the Giants' Atlanta just 21/2 games out of first place. San Francisco's lead hasn't David Justice said. "Avery was

Steve Avery was a major factor and bat. He pitched eight innings was watching the scoreboard, of six-hit ball, doubled in the eighth "It wouldn't be fun i inning and scored the only run on
Jeff Blauser's single off Pedro Astama of a pennant race."

cio as Atlanta won for the 22d time

"I don't know if it's the sign of a Giants in the National League West. championship ball club, but it's the

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been slimmer since it was two great Runs were hard to come by, and he just kept doing it." When Atlanta's manager, Bobby in the Braves' victory, with his arm Cox, wasn't admiring Avery, he "It wouldn't be fun if we er, Dusty Baker.

eighth inning. After the Giants came back from a 2-0 deficit to lead, 3-2, in the sixth on homers by Matt Williams and Royce Clayton, reliever Mike Jackson issued a two-out walk to pinchhitter Dave Clark and that was followed by Slaught's 10th home run of the season.

"You can't take it back, but that one hurts," said the Giants' manag-

playing at home, won for the 11th

time in 12 games.
The Expos closed to 7½ games of nez, moved within one victory of becoming the seventh pitcher major league history to win 100 games in each league. The 17-year veteran won 108 games with the

Baltimore Orioles. Cubs 5, Phillies 4: Rick Wilkins

What he saw was Pittsburgh taking the lead for good on Don four-run raily in the seventh got his 41st save despite giving up Slaught's two-run homer in the against Colorado as Montreal, Mariano Doncan's bases-empty homer in the ninth.

Astros 4, Mets 3: Jeff Kent's bad throw on a potential double play in first-place Philadelphia in the NL the 10th allowed the winning run to East as their starter, Dennis Marti- score in Houston. His homer had given New York a 3-2 lead. The Mets' Bobby Bonilla partly

separated his left shoulder when he slipped rounding second base in the third inning.
Padres 6, Marlins 4: Brad Ausmus doubled in the go-ahead run in

Expos 4, Rockies 3: Pinch-hitter bornered and drove in two runs as the sixth inning as host San Diego Charlie Montoyo's single in his Chicago won in Philadelphia for its ended a five-game losing streak.

4 Homers and 12 RBIs Tie Records and Leave Cards' Whiten 'Amazed'

CINCINNATI - Mark Whiten entered the St. Louis Cardinals clubhouse under the crossed bats of his teammates, carrying a bag of four baseballs and a prominent place in baseball history.

Whiten was amazed. Ozzie Smith called it awesome. However it's described, what Whiten did Tuesday night was record breaking. He became the 12th major league player to hit four home runs in a

game and matched the record for runs batted in by driving in 12 as the Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds, 15-2, in the second game of a

"I don't even have words to explain it," Whiten said. "Just amazement, I guess. Every time I hit it, I was amazed."

He had made a major goof that cost the Cardinals the first game, misplaying Reggie Sanders' liner to right into a two-run, ninthiming triple that gave the Reds a 14-13 victory.

But in his first at-bat in the second game he hit a grand slam off Larry Luebbers, his second in the majors. After fouling out in the fourth, he homered in his last three at-bats to tie three major-league records: four homers in a game, 12 RBIs in a game and 13 RBIs in a

When he came to the plate against Rob Dibble in the ninth inning, the few remaining fans out of a crowd of 22,606 gave him an ovation.

The Reds' hard-throwing reliever threw two balls, then a sizzling fastball right down the middle. Homer No. 4 went the farthest of all. "Twe been around 16 years," Smith, the St. Lonis shortstop, said. Tve seen some gays do some unbelievable things, but nothing like tonight. Of all the ones he hit, that last one was probably better than

The last major leaguer to hit four homers in a game was Atlanta's Bob Horner, in 1986, and the list includes Willie Mays, Lou Gehrig and Mike Schmidt.

The 12 RBIs in a game tied the mark set 69 years ago by Jim Bottomley, who also played for the Cardinals. And Whiten tied Nate Colbert's major-league record of 13 RBIs in a doubleheader, set in

Whiten had gone 0-for-4 in the first game, with a bases-loaded walk from Dibble getting bim his only RBI.

But Whiten's weren't the only marks broken: In the second game, the teams used 15 pitchers, a major league record for a nine-inning

The 25-year-old switch hitter, who is known for his defense, was drafted by Toronto in 1986 and played in 33 games for the Blue Jays in 1990, hitting 273 with just two homers. He split 1991 between Toronto and Cleveland, hitting nine homers, and last year he hit again hit nine, in 148 games for the Indians. Once again, his arm got the attention, his 14 assists tying him for second in the league with teammate Kenny Lofton.

The Cardinals got him from Cleveland on March 31 for pitcher Mark Clark and shortstop Juan Andujar. This year, Whiten is batting .254 with 22 homers — two more than his career total before this season — and 86 RBIs.

"After tonight," said the Cardinals' manager, Joe Torre, "I think he can write a book."

Woman Is on List **SCOREBOARD** For Commissioner

The Associated Press BOSTON - On the first anniversary of Fay Vincent's forced resignation as baseball commissioner, the committee searching for his successor said — without giving names — that six to eight replacements remained under consideration.

Bill Bartholomay of the Atlanta Braves, who is chairman of the search committee said Tuesday he believed a successor will be chosen by the end of the year. He added that some of the candidates are unaware they are among the finalists, and at least one is a woman.

In the other major topic of the quarterly meetings, the head of the schedule-format committee said the owners will postpone their attempt to expand the playoffs from four teams to eight until 1995 unless they agree by the end of the season on realigning each league into three divisions.

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Major League Standings AMERICAN LEAGUE Chicago

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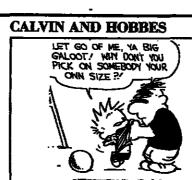












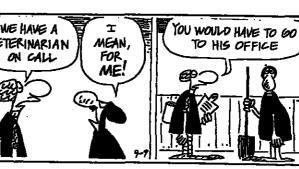




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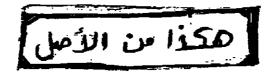
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For Becker, A Hole Too Deep Leads Out of Open

NEW YORK — Another day of rain appeared to be wiping out Wendesday's matches at the U.S. Open, but nowhere did the clouds hang as heavy as over Boris

His habit of falling into a twoset hole and then climbing out backfired when 60th-ranked Magnus Larsson closed the trap door in the fourth set of their

fourth-round match. The 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 victory by the unheralded 23-year-old Swede claimed still another men's contender Tuesday night as, on the day, the Open also lost its topseeded player, Jim Courier, and the fourth round was completed with 11 of the 16 men's seeds

Larsson in the quarterfinals. will play the unseeded Australian Wally Masur, who rallied from 0-5 in the fifth set to beat his countryman, Jaime Morgan, on the same evening the fourth-seeded Becker was packing up.

Becker appeared to be gaining steam, winning the third set and breaking Larsson in the first game of the fourth set. But Becket squandered a break point in the third game, then gave the break back in the fourth game at

Both players held until 5-6, when Becker tried to serve his way into a tie breaker. At 30-all, Becker, his feet unsteady from Larsson's deep return, hit a fore-hand long. Facing match point, Becker missed with his first serve, then made the decision to not follow his second serve to the net.

Either way, he was in big trouble. Larsson crushed his backhand return, near the baseline. Becker short-hopped it but couldn't control the return, which went wide right. And Becker stood frozen by the baseline, in disbelief that he had been eliminated when the draw was set up for him to make the semis.

"I don't know what happened," said Becker, who was out-aced by Larsson, 15-10. "In the first two sets. I didn't play any tennis. It was like a train hit me or something. I guess to come back again from two sets to love was a little bit too much."



Boris Becker during the loss to Magnus Larsson: "It was like a train hit me or something."

Asked how he felt to be out of the tournament when he seemed primed for a run as the highest seeded player left in the top half of the draw. Becker sighed. "I had a chance to go all the way, and I blew it," he said.

Becker's loss was the eighthseeded Andrei Medvedev's gain. The 18-year-old Russian from Kiev in Ukraine ousted No. 10 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands on the Grandstand Court, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4). Medvedev, playing in his first Open, will meet Cedric Pioline. Courier's conqueror, in the quarterfinals Thursday and cannot face anoth-

er seeded player until the final. The women's top-seed. Steffi Graf, veered from indomitable to incapable and back again, fought off an intermittent challenge, then beat the fifth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini between showers to reach the semifinals with a 6-2.

5-7, 6-1 victory. Facing the most breakable serve in her profession's upper echelon. Graf did the obvious, at

Masur's Victory 'Just Ridiculous'

NEW YORK — Nearly lost in the blizzard of falling seeds at the U.S. Open was the "ridiculous" said the 30-year-old Masur, a member of the Australian Davis Cup team since 1986. "I hadn't been

dissected Sabatini's unimposing weapon and took a 6-2, 5-3 lead.

"I did play a good first set, l played aggressive, but I didn't think at any point in the second set I played the way I wanted to, said Graf.

Becker, for the first two sets, looked as if he had slept the entire day and had been wheeled out to the Stadium Court in his bed. Sluggish and slow-footed, he al-lowed Larsson to become the ag-gressor, always a sign that trouble The first set took 26 minutes,

with Becker being broken in the sixth and eighth games and going downhill from there. By the time he was broken in the sixth game of the second set, with Larsson whistling a forehand passing shot off a second serve, Becker was stumbling around on the hard court as if it were hot sand on a Monte Carlo beach.

"He seemed flat, without rhythm, the first two sets," Larsson said. "But I knew he'd come

I was going to do at home, who I had to call and what I had to do."

A bad line call against him woke him up, said

Masur, who won 16 successive points and 20 of 23

"That last game, at 5-1, 1 just made simple mistakes that I normally wouldn't," said Morgan,

"No matter what the score is when you get to a

fifth set it gets pretty tight out there. At 5-1 or 5-all you can't afford to make stupid mistakes." As for Masur's feelings at the end of the match?

who made 13 unforced errors in the final set.

as he ran over the crumbling Morgan.

"I was in a daze," he said.

wasn't taking anything for grant-Becker appeared to be going

down without a struggle when he was broken at 30 in the third game of the third set. On break point, Becker pushed a backhand olley into the corner, which Larsson spanked cross court. Becker waved his racket, like a kid waving a wand with no magic

Then, without any warning, the old Becker magic was back. He broke Larsson at 15 to get back on serve, and broke again in the sixth game with a running backhand. Larsson was now back on his heels, well aware, in all likelihood, of Becker's history of comebacks from two-set ditches. Before this match, Becker had-

rallied eight times in his career to win from two sets behind, including his opening-round match here against Andrei Cherkasov. That's an impressive number, considering most tournaments play threeset matches and Becker has been too good a player to be down two sets very often.

Men's Singles Foorth Round Masur, Australia, det, Jamie Morson Masur, Austrona, ver, Junie III la, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5; Magnu Eden, def. Boris Becker (4), Ge 2-4, 7-5; Andrel Medvedev (8), 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

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Sukava, Czech Republic (3), def. Elva Reinach, South Africa, and Julie Richardson,
New Zealand (15), 6-3, 6-3.

debut as captain, putting Bulgaria ahead after Ian Eriksson tripped Emil Kostadinov. blunder by Trifon Ivanov and

England Routs Poland as France And Ireland Close on Cup Finals

England silenced its critics Wednesday night with a determined 3-0 victory over Poland in Wembley Stadium to restore its credibility as a team capable of winning the World Cup in the United States next year.

Les Ferdinand had the 1990 semifinalist ahead after only five minutes of the Group 2 qualifying match, then Paul Gascoigne and team captain Stuart Pearce scored in a four-minute spell early in the second half as Graham Taylor's team ended Poland's unbeaten streak and its own run of six matches without a victory. England, with 11 points from

eight matches, cut Norway's lead atop Group 2 to one point, and opened a two-point lead over the Netherlands, although those teams have played only seven matches. Poland is three back of England. The only negative note for Eng-land was that inspirational midfielder Gascoigne collected a yel-low card and will miss the next match, on Oct. 13 in Rotterdam. David Platt was the architect of Ferdinand's fifth minute strike with a pass that turned the Polish defense. Ferdinand controlled the ball with his left foot, steadied himself and side-footed it past goalkeeper Jaroslaw Bako from 10 meters.

In the 48th minute, Ferdinand won the ball in the air, Gascoigne controlled it on his chest and fired it home from six meters.
Then Andrzej Lesiak fouled Fer-

dinand outside the Polish area and Pearce, a defender, curled in a 25-

France 2, Finland 0: Goals by Laurent Blanc and Jean-Pierre Papin in Tampere put France atop Group 6.

France, which plays its two remaining matches at home, now ap-pears virtually certain of getting one of the two berths from the group in the 1994 finals.

The French lead Sweden, who were held to a draw in Bulgaria, by one point after trailing on goal difference. The Bulgarians are third, two points behind Sweden.

Defender Blanc headed a shot home from a corner in the 47th minute and AC Milan striker Papin made it 2-0 with a penalty seven minutes later after he was brought down by Markku Kanerva.

The French had upped the tempo after the break with Manchester United's Eric Cantona spreading the game and tearing the Finnis

Ajax Ámsterdam's Jari Litmanen, the top scorer in the Dutch first division, hit the French bar in the 24th minute, then forced goalkeeper Bernard Lama into a spectacular save on a low shot from close range six minutes later.

Sweden 1, Bulgaria 1: Martin den kept its hopes on track with a tie in Sofia.

Barcelona's Hristo Stoichkov put Bulgaria ahead with a penalty in the 21st minute, but Dahlin struck five minutes later. Only the Group 6 stragglers Finland and Austria now stand between Sweden and a place in the 1994 finals. Stoichkov made the most of his

Then Dahlin capitalized on a



stormed through the defense to fire the second goal in the 25th minute. boomed home Dave Phillips' cenhome the tying goal. Krasimir Balakov netted a shot in the 63d minute, only to be ruled

Switzerland 1, Scotland 1: The Swiss virtually booked their place in next year's finals by rallying in a

Group I match in Aberdeen. After falling behind on a 50th minute goal by John Collins, Switzerland was handed the chance to tie on Georges Bregy's penalty 19 minutes later.

Scotland's goalkeeper, Bryan Gunn, presented Bregy with his spotkick when he needlessly rushed off his line to pull down Ciri Sforza just inside the box. Ireland 2, Lithuania 0: John Al-

dridge and Alan Kernaghan moved Ireland closer to next year's finals be scoring quickly in the Group 3 match in Dublin. The unbeaten Irish now

one more victory from their final two matches to qualify for the finals. They have has won seven of 10 matches and tied the other three. Lithuania, in its final match in

the group, ended with two victories, three ties and seven defeats. Ireland raced into the lead in the fourth minute. The Lithuanians were unable to clear the ball following a corner. Steve Staunton fired in a low, hard cross and Aldridge ters for his 13th goal in Irish colors. ry a shot into his path. More Irish pressure produced

Pingel scored with an angled shot in 35th minute as Ian Rush controlled the 63d minute on a pass from Brian Giggs's pass, sidestepped a defend-Laudrup, surprising goalkeeper er and drove home his sixth inter-Foto Strakosha, as Denmark won national goal in seven matches. its Group 3 match in Tirana.

Denmark has 16 points from its 10 matches, just one point behind Ireland. But third-place Spain, which plays Albania on Sept. 22. has 13 points from nine matches. Laudrup had a clear shot in the

35th, and again in the 85th minute, but Strakosha blocked both. Northern Ireland 2, Latvia 6: Goals from forwards Jimmy Quinn, after 35 minutes, and from Phil Gray, on his return after missing two games through injury, 10 minutes from the end provided the

Group 3 victory in Belfast. it gave Northern Ireland 12 points from 10 matches, while Lat-

via finished with five. Two minutes before time. Rudi Vata, who plays for Glasgow's Celtic, looked sure to even the score but his header bounced off the bar.

Vata, who plays for Glasgow's ond place with 11 points from eight matches, while the runaway group leader, Belgium, has 14 with just Wales 2, RCS 2: Welsh hopes of two matches to go. qualifying for their first finals since

The Czech and Slovak Republics' team made a superb start, Pavel Kuka firing home a shot in the 16th minute when Welsh goalkeepprodded the ball in from five me-. er Neville Southall could only par-

Denmark 1, Albania 0: Frank ter, and Wales edged ahead in the But the RCS tied in the 67th

minute on a controversial free-kick from Peter Dubovsky, who curled the ball over the wall after Eric Young was called for fouling Tomas Skuhravy on the edge of the area. Wales must now win its last two home matches, at home against Cy-

the '94 tournament. Romania 4, Faeroe Islands 0: Florin Raducioiu scored all four goals as Romania easily won its Group 4 match in Toftir.

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The 23-year-old Raducioiu, who now has seven goals in his team's campaign to qualify, struck once in the first half and then added a hattrick after the break. The victory kept Romania in sec-

Russia 3, Hungary 1: Russia, al-

1958 were dented in the Group 4 ready assured a place in the finals, won in Budapest to stay unbeaten in Group 5.

Karlsruhe striker Sergei Kirvakov got the winner in the 53d minute, snaking behind the defense to stroke a shot past helpless goalkeeper Zoltan Vegh from eight me-ters. (Reuters, AP, AFP) Five minutes, Ryan Giggs ters.

Wang Sets Record At 10,000 Meters

taught a younger compatriot a painful lesson.

for the first time in 10 trips to the U.S. Open.

The never-say-die Masur overcame 22-year-old

Jamie Morgan's 5-0. fifth-set lead by winning a

staggering seven games in a row to complete a 3-6. 4-6. 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 victory and reach the quarterfinals

"I just can't believe it, I cannot believe that I

Morgan, who squandered his golden chance to

reach the quarters in his first Open, took his

frustration out on his rackets, destroying at least

three in a fit of rage in the locker room.

won that match. I mean, it was just ridiculous, Masur said. "He got a little tight and I didn't miss a ball for about six games. Just didn't miss a ball."

The Associated Press

BEIJING — World champion Wang Junxia shat-tered the women's 10,000-meter world record by 42 seconds Wednesday with a time of 29 minutes, 31.78 seconds, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. The record was more than a minute better than the Chinese runner's previous personal best, recorded at the World Championships in Stuttgart last month, and highlighted the sudden dominance of Chinese

runners in women's distance events. The 20-year-old Wang, competing in China's 7th National Games, beat the record of 30:13.74 set by Ingred Kristiansen of Noway on July 5, 1986.
The national evening television newscast showed Wang running the last 100 meters of the race with

none of her competitors in sight. Xinhua first reported the time as 29:31.80, but later said the winning mark "was clarified by an official

Wang zoomed to international attention last month when she led a 1-2 Chinese finish in the 10,000 meters at the World Championships. She was clocked in 30:49.30, a world junior record and the fastest time in the world in 1993. Chinese women runners also swept the 1,500- and 3,000-meter events.

The sudden, remarkable success of Chinese female distance runners has raised suspicions of drug use, but Chinese sports officials say the success is the result of hard training at high altitude. "The Chinese female athletes can withstand hardships better than men." Weng Qingzhang, deputy secretary general of the Chinese Associa-tion of Sports Medicine, said during an anti-doping conference in

London this week. "After hard training, including at altitude, they can achieve high performance. As a result, their performances are very close to the international level of the men."

In Stuttgart, Wang said she trains 40 kilometers (25) miles a day. In 1992, when Wang was the world junior champion, her best time was 32:20.90 - nearly three minutes slower than Wednesday's record time. The 12-day national games in Beijing are a showcase for the city's bid for the 2000 Summer Olympics, which will be awarded by the Interna-

tional Olympic Committee on Sept. 23. Sydney is widely considered to be the front runner to be selected as the Olympic host, but Beijing is a strong contender, in part because of its quick rise to the status of a major sports power.

• The LAAF will seek, before the end of the year, to overturn a U.S. court decision awarding \$27.4 million to 400-meter world record holder Butch Reynolds, the international governing body said Wednesday.

The 29-year-old American, who finished second last month in Stuttgart, successfully sued the IAAF after he was banned following a positive dope test in Monte Carlo three years ago. In July, a federal judge in Columbus, Ohio. Joseph Kinneary, rejected an appeal by the IAAF, which has argued that U.S. courts have no jurisdiction over the international body. It said Wednesday that it would appeal to a higher court in Continue to make the international body. Cincinnati, probably in December.



Agence France-Press Wang Junxia: More than a minute improvement.

Monaco to Replace Marseille, Court Rejects Tapie

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - French soccer officials said Wednesday that they had picked Monaco to replace Olympique Marseille in this season's

major European club tournament. Earlier in the day, a judge in Paris rejected a suit filed by Bernard Tapie, the millionaire owner of the Marseille team, that sought to force the French league and the French soccer federation to reinstate Olympique in the Champions' Cup tournament.

UEFA. European soccer's governing body, had barred Marseille on Monday from defending its title because of the matchfixing allegations that have riveted France for more than three months.

Judge Jacqueline Cochard ruled that his

court had no authority to stop the French Football Federation from naming a replacement for Marseille. Lawyers for Tapie said a similar suit, against UEFA, would be filed Thursday in Bern, where UEFA has its headquarters.

UEFA said its club competitions' committee had approved the two replacement teams offered by the French federation. Monaco, which finished third in the French league standings last season, will

play the Greek champion AEK Athens in the Champions' Cup opener Sept. 15.
Paris St. Germain will stay in the Cup Winners' Cup, with Bordeaux and Nantes being joined in the UEFA Cup tournament

by Auxerre, which replaces Monaco and will play Tenerife of Spain. The Paris club, which had finished second to Marseille, and Monaco had both said they did not want to replace Olympique.

Monaco's president, Jean-Louis Cam-

pora, said he said he had accepted the deci-sion after be told that UEFA had said it would accept only his club or the PSG. League officials said it had been felt it was better "to let Paris St. Germain defend its title" — the French Cup — "won on the playing field, in the European Cup Winners'

They also stressed that Monaco, and not PSG, is the highest-ranked French club after Marseille, although the choice of Monaco was seen by many as an attempt to placate Marseille's volatile fans, who would have been outraged had arch-rival Paris St. Ger-

main taken Olympique's place. UEFA rankings are used to seed participating clubs, but never to decide which clubs

can enter European competitions. That is Marseille's financial director. Alain Lar-normally determined by league positions. Marseille's financial director. Alain Lar-noche, said would cost 120 million francs (\$21 Another factor may have been that the Canal Plus cable television company, which has a majority stake in PSG, has exclusive rights to cover PSG in the Cup Winners'

Cup. The TFI channel, which has a partner-

ship agreement with Marseille, has the rights to cover the European Cup.
As it was, Marseille fans reacted positively to the choice of Monaco, Jacques Pelissier, president of the team's central supporters' chib, said, "At least it's another team from the south. It's not far away and there's no reason why Marseille fans shouldn't go to

Monaco to back them." Still pending is what action the French federation and league will take against Marseille for allegedly attempting to bribe three

Valenciennes players to go easy on Olympique in a league match in May.

The French authorities have been told by FIFA, the international federation, to im-

pose sanctions by Sept. 23. Apart from the legal moves, Tapie was working behind the scenes on ways to salvage his club from the threat of financial

ruin that will follow as a result of a ban that

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UEFA decision but he to return to Marseille from Paris on Thursday to meet bankers and regional political leaders. Marseille officials said he would first hold

million) in lost revenue.

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Tapie has not spoken in public since the

an afternoon news conference, then address fans at the Stade Velodrome, where he is expected to announce his and his club's Last week Tapie threatened to put Mar-

seille into liquidation if barred from European competition. Meanwhile, Jorge Burruchaga, a member of Argentina's 1986 World Cup winning team and one of the three Valenciennes

players who have said they were offered a bribe by Marseille, went back to the north-ern French city of Valenciennes at the re-quest of Bernard Beffy, the judge investigating the bribery case. A Valenciennes industrial court later

ruled that the club had broken Burruchaga's contract, which still had a year to run, when it suspended him in May after he said he had been offered a bribe. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

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Jordan Murder Suspects Indicted

LUMBERTON, North Carolina (AP) - Daniel Andre Green and Larry Martin Demery have been formally charged with first-degree murder and other crimes in the death of basketball star Michael Jordan's

A Robeson County grand jury on Tuesday handed down three indict-ments each against Green and Demery, both 18. Each was charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery, Sheriff Hubert Stone said.

They now face arraignment in Superior Court as soon as the district attorney chooses to act, Stone said. WTVD-TV in Durham reported that Green and Demery would appear next in Superior Court on Sept. 27.

For the Record

Greg Norman, troubled by a shoulder injury, withdrew from the Canadian Open, which won last year, and said it was unlikely that he would play next week in Paris.

David McCarty, a rookie outfielder for the Minnesota Twins, after going one for nine in a 22-inning, 6-hour 17-minute game with the Cleveland Indians: "Why don't they have ties?"

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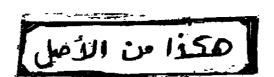
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The Dinner Guest

is that if Yasser Arafat could get his people to agree on a peace settlement with Israel, Bill Clinton has promised to take him to Martha's Vinevard next summer.

The offer was personally made by the president to the PLO leader over the telephone. Reports indi-

cate that Mr. Clinton told Arafat, "You've been bareaining in good faith and therefore You deserve a vacation on the Vinevard." Arafat, who

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watches CNN day and night, Can I stay in Bob McNamara's

"Of course you can. Bill Styron is painting it right now."
"How can I be sure that the peo-

ple of Martha's Vineyard will accept me?" Arafat asked. President Clinton reassured him. "I know everybody there, I'll introduce you to all the rich and famous. and I will arrange for you to play golf with Vernon Jordan."

"I'd like that. Vernon is a big man in Jordan ever since King Hussein named the country after

"Yasser, this is the dream of a lifetime. The island has beaches galore, a state fair in Tisbury and fireworks in Oak Bluffs. I'll introduce you to Carly Simon and James Taylor."

Arafat was dumbstruck, "How do you know Carly Simon?" Everybody knows everybody

It's 'Ice Cream for All'

New York Times Service NEW YORK - The story of how ice cream wended its way from the dining rooms of the elite to the kitchens of hoi polloi is illustrated in "Ice Cream for All: The Democratization of an Elite Food," an exhibition currently at the Museums at Stony Brook, New York. The eclectic show, with an accompanying catalogue, explores its subject through vintage photographs and ice-cream paraphernalia.

WASHINGTON — The carrot on the Vineyard. Besides, I am the president of the United States, so president of the United States, so singers are naturally attracted to me. Yasser, sign on the dotted line and I'll have you swimming in the Atlantic Ocean in six months. Do you have a bathing suit?"
"Why do you ask?"

"I've never seen a picture of you in a bathing suit," the president

"That's because I prefer to go into the Dead Sea fully clothed, But your proposition sounds pretty interesting. What happens with the Israelis if it leaks out that you're taking me to Martha's Vineyard?" "We'll offer to put them up in a bed and breakfast in Vineyard Ha-

"What about Mrs. Arafat? What will she do when she's there? "She'll go to luncheons with Hil-

lary and walk on the beach with some of Martha's Vineyard's most famous writers. Does she play "Not since they closed the Burn-

ing Tree course in the Gaza Strip. "In that case we'll arrange for her to go sailing with Walter Cronkite and play tennis with Mike 'Mr. President, it's very tempt-

ing to accept your offer, but if I make a deal for Palestine, will the United States throw in the Gay Head cliffs as well? "I can't promise you that be-

cause the cliffs belong to the Native Americans on the island." "Not on my map," Arafat said.
"Anyhow, I'll speak to Mrs. Ara-

That's where the deal stands right now. It was a courageous move on President Clinton's part. particularly since he hadn't bothered to clear the idea with Hillary, He also failed to tell Chelsea that because of their houseguests she would have to give up her room next summer. But peace in the

Middle East does not come cheap. What do the residents on the Vineyard think of the idea? Tess Bramhill said, "Celebrities don't impress us. The nice thing about Martha's Vineyard is that Arafat could walk down the street in Bermuda shorts and a Raiph Lauren T-shirt and no one would turn AUTHENTIC (UNPROVEN)

Publisher Kills Jack the Ripper Diary

By David Streitfeld

Washington Past Service

/ASHINGTON — Warner Books
Inc. has canceled "The Diary of Jack the Ripper," exactly one month before 200,000 copies of the Victorian serial killer's purported ramblings were to go on

What was once touted by the publisher as the historical find of the century has collapsed into a hoax.

"It's so deadly obvious from every way you look; it's got too many fatal flaws." said Kenneth Rendell, a dealer in historical documents who spearheaded an intensive last-minute investigation of the diary at the behest of the publisher after a July Washington Post story raised doubts about its authenticity.

Among the many problems Rendell cited in his report: The style of the handwriting is not Victorian; the handwriting does not resemble known examples of the alleged diarist's penmanship; and the diary is written in an oversize scrapbook with the first 20 pages suspiciously missing.

Whodunit is still unclear. There's an odd but distinct chance it's an old hoax. An ion migration analysis, used for determining how long the ink was on the paper. showed the document as dating from 1921,

done in the '30s, and someone set it out to be found at some later date."

Originally, the diary was Warner's biggest nonfiction book this fall. It explained how the Liverpool cotton merchant James Maybrick, seeking revenge on his philan-dering wife, killed the six Ripper victims in drug-induced frenzies in 1888.

In its catalogue, Warner described the book as being "verified by experts" and "reviewed by premier authorities."

Not enough of them, apparently, "It's not what it purports to be," said Warner's president, Larry Kirshbaum. "Despite the huge sales potential, our credibility means more."

In recent years, the credibility of American publishers has come frequently under

From Kitty Kelley's biography of Nancy Reagan, with its unsupported innuendo about the First Lady and Frank Sinatra, to the recent furor over Joe McGinniss's biography of Senator Edward M. Kennedy with its "creation" of thoughts, publishers are being accused of printing anything they think will sell-regardless of truth.

Kirshbaum said his primary emotion Tuesday was disappointment. "We spent hundreds of hours on this book. Everyone in the company was excited. We even had plus or minus 12 years.

"It's possible," Rendell said, "it was a books-on-tape recording by F. Murray Abraham of the diary, which is supposed

to be superb. This was an Oscar-winning performance. I guess it goes into the

Despite Warner's rejection, the diary's British publisher said Tuesday he still believed it was genuine.
"I wasn't impressed with Rendell's re-

said Robert Smith of Smith Gryphon. "It's very subjective, and everything in it is well covered in the book. There are no surprises whatsoever." Smith said he still planned to publish the diary.

Analyst Rendell, however, has lost his patience with Smith. "If I wrote my own book about this episode, a chapter would be called "Yes, but." Everything I say, Robert says, "Yes, but"... The English attitude has been, 'Prove it's a fake.' Well, have. But that's the wrong approach.

They should be proving it's re-Rendell said he did not know the identity of the hoazer, but speculated: "In an awful lot of boaxes, the person perpetrating it doesn't want to profit financially or get any recognition. He gets the thrill of

beating the experts."
In this case, the thrill would have been exceptional. Jack the Ripper, who traumatized London in late 1888 with his increasingly brutal murders, long ago became a figure of mythology. Which doesn't mean that researchers and amateur historians haven't lusted after clues to his real identiIndeed, some Ripperologists have argued this sort of hoax was just waiting to

Wrote James Tully in "Jack the Ripper: One Hundred Years of Mystery": "I live in hope that as the remaining shums of Whitechapel and Spitalfields are finally cleared, some hidden documentary evidence of the identity of Jack the Ripper will be found wedged behind a rafter. Or it may well be that . . . there is a dusty tin box marked 'not to be opened for 100 years' and which contains a complete and evidential confession."

The British publishers who first came up with the present alleged diary said they didn't know how or where it was found. The owner of the volume was identified as a former scrap metal dealer in Liverpool named Mike Barrett. He said he was given the book by a retired printer, now dead, at the Liverpool Daily Post.

Warner's decision to kill the book came at the last possible minute. The presses were scheduled to have started last week, and the decision could be put off no long-

"This was a go/no-go situation," said Kirshbaum. "If Rendell's report had come back ambiguously, we were going to publish it in the front of the book. We would let the reader decide. But there wasn't an ambiguous word in it. That sealed the Chevy Chase Joins The Late-Night Fray

PEOPLE

Chevy Chase put on his "Satur-day Night Live" best for his late-night talk show debut. "And now - he's still not ready for prime time - Chevy Chase," the announcer trumpeted as the show began on Fox Broadcasting Co. Out strolled Chase, dapper in a navy blue suit and pocket square. "If I knew you were going to be this enthusiastic, I would have rehearsed," he told the cheering audience. The humor wasn't ready for prime time either: "While performing a concert in Singapore, pop star Michael Jackson was taken by surprise when the audience spontaneously broke into song, wishing him a happy 35th birthday. Before cal-tinuing his performance, the surger was heard to say 'Even though I just turned 35, I still feel like a 13-

Meanwhile, the real Michael Jackson, touring in Asia, arrived in Kyushu, Japan, where fans got only a glimpse of the singer before he was taken to a hotel. Jackson was recently accused in the United States of molesting a young boy.

Steven Spielberg received a Golden Lion special career award at the 50th Venice Film Festival. which screened his dinosaur block-buster "Jurassic Park." "Boxing Helena," a macabre tale of obsessive love by Jennifer Lynch, was shown along with the second of three Italian films in competition. "La Prossima Volta Il Fuoca-("Next Time Fire") by Fabio Carpi. D

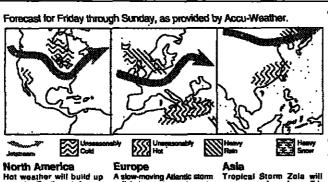
Julia Roberts says she and the country singer Lyle Lovett were just giddy and wanted to get together and get married and did. The only downside to it was that I have a handful of good friends and I didn't have time to arrange for them to come. But beck! We'll just keep getting married!

Rocky Santiago, best known as the main model in Madouna's book Sex," and Rosie Perez were married in New York City.

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Hot weather will build up over the Southwest deserts later this week and spill over the mountains into San Fran-cisco and Los Angeles this weekend. Heavy rains will wask the viceton Great A slow-moving Atlantic storm. Tropical Storm Zola will will bring rain and gusty move away from Japan Fridering to he horn Scandinavia waterlogged Tokyo. Mean-fridey into the weekend Paris through London will be mainly dry and very whater the store of the store of

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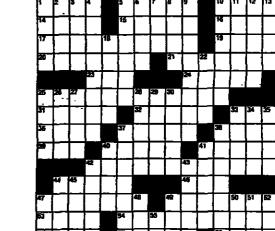
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